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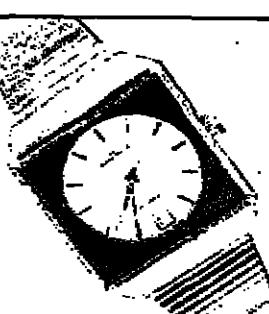
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**Interior and defence portfolios swapped**

**Three ministers resign, three new faces**

**THE WORLD THIS MORNING**

**Release delayed**

BEIRUT, (AP): The kidnappers of three American professors and an Indian educator said yesterday that the Israeli roundup of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has delayed the captives' release.

**Artillery fire**

NEW DELHI, (Reuter): India and Pakistan exchanged heavy artillery fire over the strategic Siachen glacier this week but Indian troops suffered no casualties. India's northern Army commander told a news agency yesterday.

**Plane crash**

ANKARA, (Reuter): A Turkish military plane crashed during a training flight near the western town of Balikesir yesterday, killing the two pilots on board, the independent Hurriyet news agency said.

**Woman killed**

NAIROBI, Kenya, (AP): A crocodile in northeastern Kenya claimed its fifth victim yesterday when it snatched a pregnant woman who was bathing in Tana river.

**Moore dies at 87**

PASO ROBLES, California, (Reuter): Colleen Moore, one of the biggest film stars of the 1920s whose bobbed hair and short skirts made her a leading light of the flapper era, has died at the age of 87, her son, Homer Hargrave, said.

**Churbanov**

MOSCOW, (Reuter): The son-in-law of the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, Yuri Churbanov, will go on trial for corruption and taking bribes, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

**Jalalabad bombs**

ISLAMABAD, (Reuter): Afghan authorities said yesterday that two bombs at a funeral in Jalalabad last Friday killed 14 people and were brought in buses from Pakistan.

**Soldiers killed**

COLOMBO, (Reuter): Tamil rebels killed two Indian soldiers and injured another yesterday in eastern Sri Lanka, residents said.

**Training voyage**

NICOSIA, (Reuter): Iranian naval cadets left on two warships for a two-month, 8,000-mile training voyage in the Indian ocean, Tehran Radio reported.

**Commandos killed**

BEIRUT, (UPI): Israeli troops ambushed and killed three commandos who were trying to infiltrate Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" in southern Lebanon late Monday, commando sources said yesterday.

**Mexican mine fire kills 33**

LAS ESPERANZAS, Mexico, Jan 26, (AP): Rescue workers recovered more bodies today from the charred depths of a coal mine ripped by explosion and flash fire. The head of the rescue squad said 33 men had died and at least 10 more were believed still trapped below.

"Don't do anything, there are journalists present," a soldier shouted to his comrades behind the wall.

Three residents of Silwad, in the West Bank lying with severe facial injuries in Ramallah hospital, said troops took them from their homes on Monday and beat them all night.

"We don't believe there's a possibility that anyone remains alive," Felipe Perez Ortiz, the miner who headed the rescue team working in the northern Mexico mine since late last night, told reporters.

He said the work was going on about 100 yards (metres) underground.

**Bombs**  
In the Gaza Strip, demonstrators threw petrol bombs and stones at troops during a brief break in a curfew that has been in force for two weeks, Army radio reported.

Three US citizens filed complaints with the US consulate in East Jerusalem, charging that they were beaten by Israeli soldiers, a consulate spokesman said yesterday.

In Brussels, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, returning from a weekend trip to Israel said the 12 European Economic Community foreign ministers would meet in Bonn next month with Jordan's King Hussein to discuss the recent Arab summit in Amman and review prospects for convening an international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

## Saddam approves of GCC talks with Iran

ing the necessity of "dialogue" being the basis for Arab interaction. "We are one Arab nation and it is supposed that no one should try to harm the other," he was quoted as saying.

The Saudi Press Agency reported that Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz was in Riyadh to deliver a message from Saddam Hussein to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

**Contacts**

Its contents were not disclosed, but Aziz has just sent the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar a note underscoring his country's acceptance of resolution 598.

Fahd has been at the centre of contacts launched by Syria along with the UAE and Oman.

Some analysts said the Iraqi President's remarks published in Jordan possibly indicated that the UAE and Oman were insisting on a serious mediation bid.

Jordan's King Hussein also visited Baghdad for talks on the war with Saddam.

In another interview Saddam said that the real ambition of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini was to establish a Persian empire.

He added that Khomeini thought that the Shiites of Iran were the leaders of all Shiites.

**Adamant**

In an interview with three Saudi newspapers Saddam said that Khomeini believed he was the representative of all Shiites, at least in the Middle East.

He said that Khomeini was adamant about continuing the war because he had nothing left before him for establishing his Persian empire except trying to defeat Iraq, which he had chosen as the key to his dreams.

Saddam added that Khomeini's plan was to crush the Arab world in stages and then gradually form his empire.

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## Cabinet reshuffled



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister



Sheikh Salem



Sheikh Nawaf



Sheikh Jaber Al Hamed



Sheikh Nasser



Homoud Al Rqobah



Abdullah Al Sharhan



Dr Abdul Razzak

Sheikh Saad said that he proposed the reshuffle "in order to be able to meet the requirements of our national action in the forthcoming stage, fulfil the ambitions of our people's aspirations in maintaining security, stability and prosperity to cope with the changes and avert our homeland and the region all adverse repercussions."

Kuwait said the information, social affairs and labour, health and electricity and water ministers also exchanged jobs with other cabinet members.

**New ministers**

Diplomats said the reshuffle was unlikely to result in major changes in government policy.

It was triggered by the resignations of Communications Minister Khalid Al Jumeian, Municipal Affairs Minister Abdul Rahman Khalid Al Ghunaim and Planning Minister Mohammed Soleiman Sayed Ali, mainly for personal reasons.

Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed Al Sabah switches with Social Affairs and Labour.

Defence Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, who had held the post for 10 years, swaps with Social Affairs and Labour.

Health Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Hamed, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, and Labour.

Finance Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Minister of Planning.

Transport Minister Dr Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdul Razzak, Minister of Public Health.

The cabinet had "preserved the unity and cohesion of the country, maintaining its security and seriously endeavouring to resolve its problems and realise its ambitions despite the critical circumstances besetting Kuwait and the region" he said.

**THE CABINET LIST AFTER THE RESHUFFLE**

Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.  
Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister.  
Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Minister of Interior.  
Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah, Minister of Defence.  
Sheikh Al Khafif Al Sabah, Minister of Oil.  
Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah, Minister of Information.  
Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour.

Jassim Al Khouri, Minister of Finance.

Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Minister of Planning.

Dr Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdul Razzak, Minister of Public Health.

Anwar Abdallah Al Noori, Minister of Education and acting Minister of Higher Education.

Homoud Al Rqobah, Minister of Electricity and Water.

Abdullah Al Sharhan, Minister of Communications.

Abdul-Rahman Al Houti, Minister of Public Works.

Faisal Al Khalid, Minister of Commerce and Industry.

Dhari Al Ottman, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs.

Khalid Al Jassar, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.

Nasser Al Roudhan, Minister of State for Housing Affairs.

Mohammed Al Rifai, Minister of State for Municipal Affairs.

Issa Al Mazidi, Minister of State for Service Affairs.

Saoud Al Ossami, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs.

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**WEATHER**

Temperature will be around 20°C with moderate northwesterly wind which may freshen at times.
State of sea: moderate.
High water: 5.00 am, 6.00 pm
Low water: 12.00 noon, 12.00 pm
Sunrise: 6.40 am
Sunset: 5.21 pm
Maximum temperature recorded: 21°C 21.7°C
Average: 17°C 63°F
Minimum: 16°C 57°F
Humidity: 78 per cent
Average: 81 per cent
Wind: 85 per cent
Maximum humidity expected: 85 per cent
Cloudiness: 80 per cent
Minimum temperature recorded: 19°C 67°F
Average: 10°C 50°F
Humidity: 85 per cent
Wind: 80 per cent
Cloudiness: 85 per cent

## Mubarak obtains British support

LONDON, Jan 26. (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, already assured of British support for an Arab-Israeli peace drive, conferred with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today.

Mubarak, on a whirlwind tour to gain international backing for a regional peace plan unveiled last week, arrived yesterday from Bonn and leaves for Washington later today.

Thatcher aides said the main topics of the hour-long meeting were the Arab-Israel situation, the Gulf and Egypt's economy.

"The Prime Minister, like President Mubarak, is concerned to get movement towards an international (Middle East) peace conference," one official said.

Mubarak has just completed a

tour of Arab Gulf states to mark the return of Egypt, the only Arab state to have signed a peace treaty with Israel, to the main stream of Arab politics.

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## INTERNATIONAL

US President talks of global democratic revolution

### America strong: Reagan

WASHINGTON, Jan 26, (AP): President Reagan, in a State of the Union address brimming with optimism, proclaimed an American economic and military reawakening and vowed to push to the end for US support of rebel movements in Nicaragua, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Seeking a fresh start with Congress, Reagan invited both Democratic and Republican leaders to the White House today to discuss legislative agenda.

The President called during the nationally broadcast speech yesterday for new assistance to Contra rebels battling the leftist Sandinista government in Nicaragua and for US support of democracies elsewhere.

#### Dismissed

In delivering his final State of the Union address before stepping down next year after serving two full terms, Reagan sounded the same upbeat tone that has marked previous addresses. He talked of an "economic and social revolution of hope" in the United States and "global democratic revolution" around the world.

He said the US is "strong, prosperous, at peace" and asked Congress to help make his final



President Reagan, flanked by Vice President George Bush, as he gives his State of the Union address. (Reuter wirephoto)

"We've come to the end of an era," said Senate majority leader Robert C. Byrd. "The feel-good slogans have gone flat with time."

#### Plans

Reagan promised to go ahead with plans to submit to Congress tomorrow a request for new assistance for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels, saying "the struggle has extra meaning because that nation is so near our own borders."

He asked for quick Senate confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Anthony M. Kennedy, sought prompt ratification of the US-Soviet medium-range missile treaty and offered a mocking critique of the congressional budget-making process that even brought laughs from some of the lawmakers.

"Congress shouldn't send another one of these," Reagan said, holding aloft a thick stack of papers he said represented budget bills. "And if you do, I will not sign it."

But Democratic leaders declared Reagan will not be able to set the national agenda in his final year in office.

House Speaker Jim Wright said in office "the best of eight". But Democrats immediately dismissed much of the speech as irrelevant.

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#### North Korea accused of terrorism

### Japan slaps sanctions

TOKYO, Jan 26, (Reuter): Japan imposed sanctions against North Korea today, accusing Pyongyang of destroying a South Korean airliner and pledging to help prevent any attempt by the North to disrupt the Seoul Olympics.

Chief cabinet secretary Keizo Obuchi said in a statement the sanctions would include stricter control of contacts between Japan and North Korea, a ban on all flights between the two countries and restrictions on shipping and visiting North Korean sailors.

Obuchi said Japan was certain communist North Korea was behind the bombing of a Korean Air Lines jet last November that killed all 115 people on board.

"Japan is convinced that the incident was caused by organised terrorism from North Korea."

visited Japanese ports in 1986.

Asked what evidence Japan had based its decision upon, Obuchi said: "(The government) has become fully convinced that it was an organised act of terrorism by North Korea ... by conducting an overall and prudent examination from every angle of the affair."

Obuchi said the sanctions would be maintained until after September's Seoul Olympics and then reconsidered in light of North Korea's actions.

#### Contacts

Japan does not have any diplomatic relations with North Korea but the curbs on contact would apply to meetings between envoys in another country.

There are no regular flights between the two countries but flights to and from Japan which included a stop in Pyongyang would no longer be permitted. Some 170 North Korean ships

would apply to meetings between envoys in another country.

Last week, the United States also said it had decided North Korea was responsible for the destruction of the airliner and placed the Pyongyang government on its blacklist of terrorist nations.

## The sign of good taste



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Whitney Houston holds up one of her two trophies she won at the 15th Annual Music Awards. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Travis sweeps musical awards

LOS ANGELES, Jan 26, (AP): Country singer Randy Travis swept his category last night at the 15th Annual American Music Awards, taking four trophies while two statues each went to Anita Baker, Whitney Houston and Paul Simon.

A man and a woman carrying fake Japanese passports left the plane hours before its destruction, and the woman later confessed to having planted a bomb on board on the orders of Kim Jong-Il, son of North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung.

Travis, a dishwasher and cook before he got his show-business break, won favourite country album for Always and Forever, favourite country vocalist, and two awards for the single Forever and Ever, Amen — favourite country single and favourite country video.

He won in all categories for which he was nominated.

"I don't know why things have gone so well. We just came along at the right time," said Travis, a leader in the return to traditional country music. "Anything like this is a boost to someone's career. When I first came to Nashville, I got turned down by everybody in town — several times."

After winning his fourth award for vocalist, Travis said, "I thought we might get one, I sure didn't expect four. That last one was really a shock."

Miss Baker won favourite female soul-rhythm and blues singer and favourite album in the same category for her nearly two-year-old Rapiture LP.

"I really expected Whitney (Houston) to win," Miss Baker told reporters after winning favourite singer. "We talked about this backstage and we agreed she would win. We have a mutual admiration society."

Miss Houston did win favourite pop-rock female vocalist and her I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who Loves Me) won favourite single in the same category.

"This is outrageous," she shouted joyfully when she won her second trophy. Last year, Miss Houston won seven American music awards.

Reba McEntire won the favourite female vocalist in the country category.

Paul Simon won favourite pop male vocalist, and his Graceland, won favourite pop-rock album. Simon won a grammy for the album in 1987.

Michael Jackson won favourite soul rhythm and blues single for Bad. Jackson had won 11 previous American music award trophies. Neither Simon nor Jackson were on hand to accept their awards last night.

The Sun's front page story headlined "Spanking judge quits" appeared last Wednesday and contained extracts of letters Bowley sent to a man in his 20s who was described as his "sex slave."

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### Police teargas Dhaka protesters

DHAKA, Jan 26, (Reuter): Riot police swinging clubs clashed with anti-government strikers who shut down transport and commerce in Bangladesh today, leaving at least 100 injured, according to opposition leaders.

Police said 45 people were arrested for trying to organise illegal rallies.

The strike — the 20th in two months — was called to protest against police shooting in the southern port town of Chittagong which the opposition said killed 17 people and wounded more than 300 at a weekend rally.

#### Protests

Twenty-one opposition parties have staged strikes and protests since November 10 to force President Hossain Mohammad Ershad to resign. Ershad, who seized power in a 1982 coup, has refused.

Last month he dissolved parliament and called fresh elections in March which the opposition has vowed to boycott.

The government yesterday banned anti-election rallies and protests.

Earlier today, hundreds of home-made bombs packed with metal fragments exploded in the

streets of Dhaka apparently to scare people into staying at home during the strike.

Police said offices, banks and shops across the country were closed and little transport moved.

Officials said government buses, which have operated in previous strikes, had to stay off the road because fuel-tanker drivers joined the strike.

Grocery shops in Dhaka were emptied because of panic buying last night and some grocers said they were unable to replenish stocks because of the strike.

#### Strike

Dhaka police said the 12-hour strike passed off peacefully except for some stray incidents near Dhaka University and the Motijheel commercial district.

At least 30 opposition activists trying to organise pickets were hurt when police dispersed them with teargas. A government car was set afire, police said.

In Chittagong, more than 25,000 dock workers stayed at home today. Police with clubs chased stone-throwing protesters and about 50 people, including two policemen, were hurt.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Zanzibar cabinet

DAR ES SALAAM, Jan 26, (Reuter): Zanzibar's President Idris Abdulla Wakil has sacked his chief minister and long-time rival Seif Sharif Hamad, replacing him with a career civil servant, Omar Ali Juma.

Wakil dissolved his cabinet last Friday after accusing several unnamed ministers of plotting to overthrow him.

Radio Zanzibar announced Juma's appointment as chief minister last night. It gave no details of other cabinet changes on the autonomous island, which is federated with mainland Tanzania.

#### Hacked to death

NEW DELHI, Jan 26, (AP): Several people travelling on a passenger bus were hacked to death in southern Andhra Pradesh state yesterday by about 30 assailants in revenge for the killing of a fellow villager, the United News of India reported.

The news agency said the United News of India reported the attack stopped the bus between Umbhanur and Halvi villages after blocking the road with rocks. It said they first threw chilly powder on the victims and later killed them.

Other passengers were ordered to get down from the bus, UNI reported. The attack was in revenge for the killing of a man during village elections last year by a rival group, UNI quoted police as saying.

#### Parade of sail

SYDNEY, Jan 26, (Reuter): Tall ships from around the globe met on a grand "parade of sail" today in Sydney harbour, focal point of Australia's 200th anniversary of European settlement.

#### Woman facing stoning gets a reprieve

ISLAMABAD, Jan 26, (AP): Pakistan's Prime Minister has intervened on behalf of a woman sentenced to be stoned to death for adultery in accordance with Islamic law, officials said yesterday.

S.K. Mahmud, Secretary of the Interior Ministry, said the bullet-riddled corpse of Carlos Mauro Hoyos, handcuffed and blindfolded, was discovered on a farm near the spot where he was ambushed early Monday on his way to the airport in Medellin, acting Attorney General Ignacio Arboleda told reporters.

At about the same time, leading politician Andres Pastrana, kidnapped eight days ago, recovered his freedom when police surrounded the farm where he was held in the mountain village of El Retiro, about 32 km south of Medellin.

The body of Hoyos, aged 42, was found in the same village and official car. Two of his bodyguards died in the shootout with about 10 gunmen who used four vehicles, authorities said.

Hoyos is the highest justice official to die at the hands of drug traffickers since Justice Minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla was shot dead on a Bogota street in 1984.

Officials had feared for Hoyos' life since blood was found on his briefcase in his official car. Two of his bodyguards died in the shootout with about 10 gunmen who used four vehicles, authorities said.

Meantime, an appeal filed by Sarwar is pending before an Islamic federal high court. If it upholds the sentence, the case still can go to Pakistan's Supreme Court, which applies a more lenient penal code drafted by the British during pre-1947 colonial rule.

"Matter most urgent," Mahmud said, reading his message over the telephone.

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"The political awareness of the mohajir community has broken the monopoly of religious parties who have been exploiting Islam and Pakistan for their political ends," he said.

The MQM leader was highly critical of Pakistan's Afghan policy, saying the government should have helped the poor and needy in the country before inviting the Afghan refugees.

"Instead of opening the border for the Afghans, our government should have opened the border to those Indian Muslims who are suffering from ethnic riots and religious violence."

Hussein said the MQM not only demands due share in the educational institutions and services but also wants share in power on the basis of its huge population.

### Kidnapped attorney general found dead

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#### Police and religious political party playing big role

### Drug mafia behind Karachi riots

By Ashraf Shah

THE Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) leader Altaf Hussain has accused the drug mafia and its patrons, the police and an orthodox religious political party of ethnic violence in Karachi.

In an exclusive interview conducted in Karachi recently, the MQM leader told the Arab Times that the influx of Afghan refugees into Pakistan was responsible for the growth of drug and arms trade, saying the drug mafia wanted to turn Karachi into the main heroin-trafficking centre in order to capture the international drug market.

**Backing**

He claimed the mafia has the full backing of bureaucracy and Karachi administration.

"The successful campaign launched by the MQM helped prevent heroin from reaching every home in Karachi and that is why the mafia considers the MQM the main hindrance in the drug trade," Altaf Hussain said.

He said the planned riots in mohajir-dominated areas in Karachi were planned by the mafia and an orthodox religious

party so that the MQM could be responsible for ethnic riots.

Hussain strongly denied that his group has anything to do with ethnic tension, saying the MQM firmly believes in non-violence and peaceful campaign to defend the legitimate rights of the mohajir community who migrated in 1947 when Pakistan came into being.

"The MQM has no rivalry with the Punjabi, Pathan, Sindhi or Baluchi communities who have been exploiting Islam and Pakistan for their political ends," he said.

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Rifaat rules out any competition with Western states

# Egypt is not on an arms sales campaign in Gulf: envoy

By Jadranka Porter



EGYPT has spurned suggestions that it has embarked on an arms sales campaign in the Gulf in direct competition with the major Western arms manufacturers.

"We are not here to enter the race or play the role of a salesman," the Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait, Saeed Mahmoud Rifaat told the Arab Times in an interview.

But he indicated that Egypt had an edge over its competitors saying that in offering to stand by Kuwait at the time of crisis Egypt is protecting the interests of the Arab nation.

"We are in a position to know the capabilities and needs of Arab countries much better than anyone else," Rifaat said.

Rifaat arrived in Kuwait on Jan 7 following the sudden death of Salahuddin Mohammed Hinnawi.

Hinnawi was the first Egyptian ambassador to Kuwait following the restoration of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

#### Assistance

Prior to his arrival in Kuwait Rifaat served in the information and political analysis department in Egypt's Foreign Ministry. Earlier he had been posted to the Egyptian diplomatic missions in London, Moscow, Brussels and Rabat.

Rifaat identified military

Iran had fired at Kuwait last year.

Intensive political consultations and cooperation in defence between Cairo and Kuwait are an outcome of the diplomatic reconciliation last November which followed an eight-year break caused by Egypt's peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

Rifaat said there are signs that relations among the Arab countries are gaining momentum and efforts are being made to compensate for the lost time.

#### Realised

"Let's forget all the previous circumstances and commit ourselves to the joint Arab action."

The Iran-Iraq conflict may have been a chief catalyst but not the only issue that prompted the Arab states to resume relations with Egypt, the envoy said.

Rifaat contended that Egypt had not sought to compete with other countries but pointed out that some of its weapons compare well in terms of technical requirements with those of other arms manufacturers.

"Egypt has built up a dependable military industry and the quality of its equipment has never been called into question. We have our own markets," said the envoy. Egypt has weapons capable of dealing with various types of missiles, he said, but he declined to say whether these included arms capable of intercepting Silkworm missiles, which

were the two countries will be hammered out during the forthcoming exchange of visits between Egyptian and Kuwaiti delegations, Rifaat said.

Although Egypt and Kuwait are poised to strengthen its cooperation in areas of diplomacy, defence, economic and cultural activity, the northern African state has not appealed to the Gulf states for help to settle its international debt, Rifaat said.

"Egypt is capable of getting into grips with its debt problem and we have successfully negotiated with the creditor countries to reschedule a portion of our debt," Rifaat said.

#### Influx

But he stressed that Egypt is keen to encourage foreign investment. He admitted that the joint venture programme had faced problems related to bureaucratic tangles but expressed hope that most Arab investors would show understanding for current efforts to smooth the way toward more efficient running of Egyptian economy.

Rifaat did not envisage a large influx of Egyptians to Kuwait following the diplomatic reconciliation.

"The size of the Egyptian workforce in Kuwait largely depends on the local market situation and I presume it will not change considerably," he said.

There are 175,000 Egyptians currently living in Kuwait.



Lulu Al Qatami (left) and Salah Al Hashem discuss the role of women in traffic safety.

## Focus on women's role in traffic accident control

KUWAIT'S Road Safety Society held its weekly seminar on Monday with the focus on the role of women's societies in traffic accident control and increasing traffic safety awareness.

The society's lawyer Salah Al Hashem confirmed the importance of the role of women in traffic control, saying that about 25 to 30 per cent of the number of motorists in Kuwait are women.

Lulu Al Qatami, the chairwoman of the Women's Cultural and Social Society, speaking at the seminar, stressed the importance of the family, school, legal system and private societies in increasing traffic safety awareness. She added that schools give only slight attention to the issue while private societies had failed

to make any significant contribution so far.

A representative of the Girls Club Saher Al Messad

expressed the opinion that female instructors should be provided at the drivers training school to teach women wanting to learn to drive. A questionnaire will also be distributed, she said, by the club which should provide insight into the problem.

Sabah Al Rayes, the chairwoman of the society, said that accidents caused by women were usually the result of driving mistakes rather than driving too fast. Some women hold their children while driving, he said, which created a distraction of their attention on the road.

## Egypt offers agricultural expertise

Egypt affirmed its readiness to offer research and scientific expertise to upgrade Kuwait's fish and agricultural development, a press statement said yesterday.

The statement, issued at the conclusion of the visit made by director general of Kuwait's Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij to Egypt between Jan 16-23, said the Kuwaiti official held successful talks with his host Deputy Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Lands reclamation Dr Yousef Wali on the basis of the Egyptian agricultural policy.

During his stay, Sheikh Ibrahim

explained that the colonies of algae rise to the surface of the water at a certain point in their development and that such a concentration was not unusual in Kuwaiti waters between December and February.

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Hadi said that the air bubbles seen in these drifting colonies were caused by the algae's respiratory process and were not the result of any chemicals in the water.

Chairman of the company's board of directors Mofrij Ibrahim Al Mofrij said that the decision has been taken in accordance with the government instructions and a popular trend.

Hailing the Omani judicial system, the Yemeni official said that Omani courts apply the exact Islamic sharia rules.

## Oman's judicial system hailed

MUSCAT, Jan 26, (Kuna): Yemen Arab Republic's Justice Minister Ahmed Mohammed Abdul Rahman and the accompanying delegation left here today after an official visit to Oman, Radio Muscat reported.

In a statement to the radio, the minister said that the outcome of the talks he held with Omani Minister of Justice, Awqaf, and Islamic Affairs Hilal Bin Harib was very fruitful and dealt with cooperation in the justice field.

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## Workshop on oil pollution in Gulf

ABUDHABI, Jan 26, (AP): Iran and Iraq along with other Gulf countries began a three-day workshop yesterday on oil pollution in the Gulf, the area of the so-called "tanker war."

Tankers loaded with crude, oil rigs and platforms often come under attack in the Gulf in the spillovers of the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

There has been only one alarming spill in 1982 after an Iraqi air raid on Iran's Nowruz oil

Kuwait Health Minister Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, in a speech read on his behalf, urged cooperation among Gulf states to respond to pollution emergencies. More than 185 marine accidents took place last year because of the Iraq-Iran war, he said.

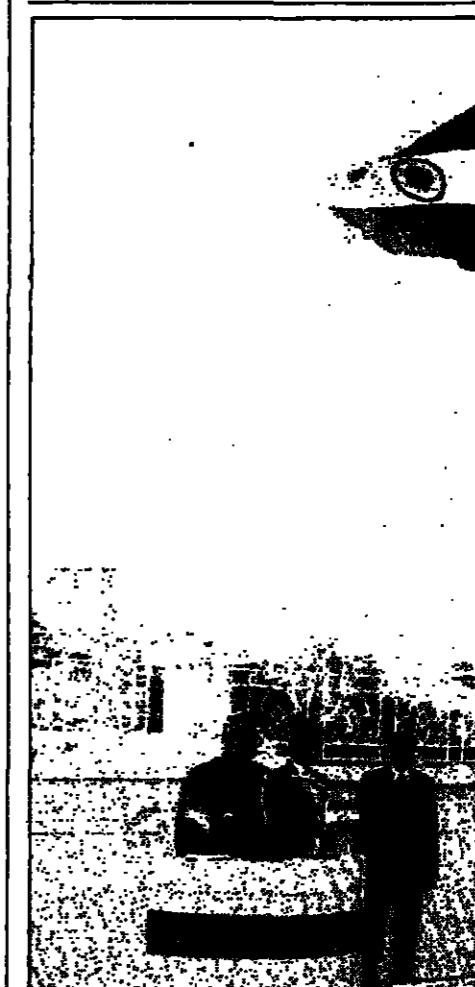
In his inaugural speech, UAE Health Minister Hamad Al Mafda said: "The protection of sea waters in this area from oil pollution is acquiring primary importance among all our countries."

He said this workshop, in which Western experts participate, "will clear the road for more coordination and additional creative efforts and serious work to allow us to travel a new distance toward achieving our goals."

## National Day activities

ABDUL Rahman Al Mazroui, the acting Undersecretary of Kuwait's Social Affairs and Labour Ministry said the ministry is planning for the National Day activities which will begin next month, adding that organ-

isations and youth centres will hold art exhibits, sports events and social festivals. Cooperative societies and charity organisations will also participate in the festivities, he said.



India's Ambassador to Kuwait, N.N. Jha, delivers a speech at the embassy premises after hoisting the flag on the occasion of India's Republic Day. (Photo by Javed Basra)

## Euro-Arab mayors to meet in Morocco

DIRECTOR general of the Arab Cities Organisation (ACO) Taleb Al Tahir said yesterday that a Euro-Arab meeting on the level of mayors will be held in Marrakech, Morocco next October.

The conference will be convened in cooperation between the Kuwait-based ACO and Europe's regions and municipalities council which has its main offices in Paris.

Al Tahir told Kuna that the organisation sponsored this meeting in realisation of the role played by regional and international bodies for cities and their influence on the public opinion and their connections to decision-makers in world countries.

He said, "the ACO hopes the meeting contributes in correcting images and notions which were created by historic circumstances of each side to the other."

In addition to expressing the Arab view toward the Iraq-Iran war and the Palestinian cause, Al Tahir noted that the conference aims at establishing ties between Arab and European city officials and exchanging scientific expertise among the two sides.

**Endorsed**

The ACO chief said that the organisation's permanent office had endorsed the idea of holding the conference during its 26th session in Damascus last April.

Al Tahir said that the organisation was keen since the start to contact the Arab League to get acquainted with its view on convening such an assembly and to cooperate with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (Alesco) to furnish all possible help to bring the conference to a success.

## Modern House exhibition

KUWAIT's Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khaled will open the Modern House exhibit at the International Fair Grounds in Misrak on Feb 3 with displays of furniture, modern kitchens, carpets, light fixtures and many other items that are part of the modern house.

This year's exhibit, which will cover 6,000 square metres, will feature 80 local and foreign furniture companies from West Germany, Taiwan, Thailand, Afghanistan.

The exhibition will run thru Feb 12.

## Painting competition

A PAINTING and elocution competition will be held at the Indian Embassy auditorium on Jan 29 by the Kuwait Malayalee Samajam as part of celebrations of the 40th anniversary of India's Independence and the 10th anniversary of the Samajam.

The painting competition will begin at 10 am and the elocution at 3 pm.

Winners of the painting competition will be presented with Edmund Thomas Clint memorial trophies and winners of the elocution contest with a trophy in memory of the late advocate C.J. Alexander.

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# Saudi Foreign Minister to visit Moscow for Gulf war talks

MOSCOW, Jan 26. (UPI): The Soviet Union announced today that the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, which does not have diplomatic relations, is coming to Moscow for an official visit believed centred on the Gulf war.

Prince Saud Al Faisal will arrive "in the nearest future," Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said. An Arab diplomat said the visit was expected by the end of this week.

The visit comes as the Soviet Union is calling for the UN Security Council to convene a meeting of foreign ministers to help organise the Middle East peace conference that has long been sought by the Kremlin.

"We intend to intensify consultations and set out looking for practical ways to defuse the problems that hamper the con-

vocations of the international conference," Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky said of the Soviet call for Middle East talks.

**Dominante**  
Gerasimov, speaking at the same news conference, did not identify the subjects to be discussed in the Saudi visit but said the prince would meet both President Andrei Gromyko and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

The Soviet desire for a Middle East peace conference, which would mark its return to a central role in peace talks, was certain to be an agenda item during the Saudi visit.

However, a senior Arab source said the Gulf war would dominate the meetings, although other subjects such as the Middle East conference or economic

interests of the world's two biggest oil producers might also be discussed.

Although Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union do not have diplomatic relations, contacts between the two countries have been increasing steadily in the past couple of years.

Arab sources said the Saudi Foreign Minister was bypassing the lack of diplomatic relations this time by coming as the representative of the Gulf Cooperation Council, which groups all the Arab states along the Gulf.

Gerasimov said he was coming as "a guest of the Soviet government," but said the initiative for the visit had come from the Saudi side.

Prince Saud was in Moscow last year as part of an Arab League delegation discussing the

Gulf war and the Saudi Oil Minister visited officially on behalf of Opec.

Although the conservative Saudi regime is still believed reluctant to take the dramatic step of establishing full diplomatic relations, Moscow has established embassies in Oman and the United Arab Emirates under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The Gulf Arab states fear an escalation of the Iran-Iraq conflict that would threaten their vulnerable oil facilities. Although supporting Iraq diplomatically and financially, they are officially neutral.

The Soviet Union has attempted to maintain its good relations with both Iraq and Iran, calling for a cease fire but hesitating to endorse the US call for an arms embargo against Iran.



HH the Amir yesterday received Ali Naser, the envoy of the President of the Comoro Islands.

## Balladur to hold wide-ranging talks

By Jadranka Porter

FRENCH Economics and Finance Minister Edouard Balladur arrived in Kuwait yesterday to sign an economic cooperation agreement and hold wide-ranging talks with Kuwaiti leaders.

Balladur, who was received at the airport by his Kuwaiti counterpart Jassim Al Khorafi, will today meet HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah. He will also confer with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and the defence minister.

Balladur is on the third leg of a four-nation Arab tour that also took him to Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

### Boost

He will reaffirm France's commitment to economic cooperation with Kuwait when he signs this afternoon an annually renewable Kuwaiti-French agreement which centres on finance and investment issues of mutual interest.

"France and Kuwait have a longstanding relationship based on mutual respect," Balladur said in the arrival statement. France, he said, shares to a large extent Kuwait's stance on issues of foreign policy which include problems in the Gulf region.

The spokesman said the accused is charged with inciting openly and in public places by way of writing for overthrowing the present regime and slandering the Amir.

Ismail Sayed Hassan Sayed Ali Akbar who is currently held in detention pending trial, will be tried by a three-judge panel presided by Mohammad Abdul Hai Al Bannay and the membership of Ahmed Tahir Khalil, and Saud Abdul Karim Al Saifan with Sultan Abu Jarroa prosecuting.

The opening session will be procedural for the press and the public, the spokesman said.



Edouard Balladur

Kuwait's attitude towards France has been one of steadfastness, stability and continuity, he added.

Welcoming Balladur, Al Khorafi, who met the minister in Paris last year, said the visit would boost the relations between the two countries.

In a press conference before his departure from Abu Dhabi, Balladur called for an international peace conference on the Middle East and stressed the need to implement UN Security Council resolution 598 ordering a ceasefire in the Gulf war. He described Franco-Arab relations as "excellent." Balladur leaves today for Amman, Jordan.

## Japan names new envoys

TOKYO, Jan 26. (Kuna): The Japanese government today announced the appointment of new ambassadors to Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan and Bahrain.

Koji Watanabe, 53, director of the Economic Cooperation Bureau, was named Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

After joining the Foreign Ministry in 1956, Watanabe had served as minister to China and head of the information analysis, research and planning bureau.

## KD681m spent on security services

A STUDY prepared by the Research and Studies Department at Kuwait's Interior Ministry shows a KD681 million expenditure on security services for the ten year period from 1974 to 1984.

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## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber following his return from the emergency Arab League meeting on Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab lands which was held two days ago in Tunisia.

Later the Amir received the Comoro Island's envoy Ali Naser who conveyed a message to the Amir from the Comoro President.

The Amir also received the ambassadors of Tunisia and Pakistan on the occasion of the end of their missions to Kuwait.

### Congratulations

HH the Amir yesterday sent a congratulation message to the Australian Governor-General on the occasion of his country's National Day.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, Al Sabah also sent a similar congratulation message to the Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

## Cabinet reviews past achievements

plagued the country for several years.

He also mentioned the decree allowing the government to issue bonds worth \$1,400 million for the public.

The premier expressed appreciation for three resigning ministers, noting that they have worked sincerely to fulfil their duties and obligations.

The reshuffle that was announced yesterday brought three new faces to the cabinet. The three previous ministers, who served for a year and a half, expressed their desire to resign.

In yesterday's cabinet meeting, the Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad briefed the ministers on the recent Arab foreign ministers' urgent meeting in Tunisia.

He said the decisions of the meeting met the challenges facing the Arab nation, especially the Israeli threat to Arab Palestinians living under occupation.

The cabinet also listened to a report by Finance Minister Jasem Al Khorafi on his recent tour in the Far East and the Pacific. The minister briefed the Council of Ministers on the details of his talks with leaders of the countries he visited.

## Saddam approves of GCC talks with Iran

(Continued from Page 1)

Saddam stressed that all people were all united, whether Sunnis, Shiites, Kurds or Christians.

In Washington, Pentagon officials said that US Defence Secretary Frank C. Carlucci has authorised a small reduction in the number of US warships deployed in the war-torn Gulf, including the withdrawal of the battleship Iowa.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the drawdown would begin around Feb 18. The number of ships assigned to the Middle East force will change only slightly—dropping by three or four—but the makeup will be realigned, the sources said.

US Secretary of State George Shultz conceded that US efforts to obtain a UN arms embargo against Iran were "stalling."

## Kuwait renews support for Palestinian struggle

KUWAIT yesterday renewed total support for the Palestinian struggle against Israeli occupation forces in Palestine, and emphasised that the uprising has consolidated the Palestinian and Arab cause in international forums.

State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed said the upheaval in occupied Palestine, which is closing its second month soon, has sent shudders among the Israelis.

"We Arabs have moral duty to support our brethren by providing their needs," the Kuwaiti cabinet spokesman said during a meeting with a Jordanian student delegation Monday night.

Al Rashed cautioned against using the rising mass demonstrations in occupied Palestine for personal or factional interests, saying this could undermine the struggle.

The state minister pointed out that Kuwait had initiated contacts with all world capitals that could help enforce UN Security Council resolution 598 ordering a comprehensive solution to the Iran-Iraq war.

Asked about Kuwaiti-Soviet ties, Al Rashed stressed they are good and cooperation between the two countries cover a wide range of fields despite Kuwait's announced opposition to the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Hailing the outcome of the



Pakistani Ambassador Khaled Saleem is cutting a cake at the farewell reception hosted by the Syrian Ambassador Eissa Al Darwish (left), in his capacity as the dean of the diplomatic corps on Monday at the Kuwait Sheraton hotel.

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## EVENTS

## VIDEO CORNER

# A sad tale of envy and fear

By Gall Seery

CASE CELEBRE is an adaptation of Terence Rattigan's stage play of the same name, and tells a true story of a murder which caused a media sensation in 1933. It is a disturbing story, and asks the viewer to re-examine his own beliefs and prejudices.

Mrs Rattenbury employs a boy of 18 — who looks a good deal older, to assist her maid, and before very long the two are having an affair. Mr Rattenbury is significantly older than his young wife, superbly played by Helen Mirren, and condones, even encourages and expects the pair's adultery.

Then one night he is brutally clubbed to death, and Mrs Rattenbury promptly makes a

statement that she did it with the mallet that Bowman, her youthful lover played by David Morrissey, borrowed from his father that afternoon. She clings to the story in all its inadequacy and obvious inaccuracy, and only relents and tells the truth in court after being presented with her oldest son, who clearly needs her at home, and not hanged.

Much of the story is set in court, where the media sensation and scandalous aspects of the case are shown to overshadow the issue of murder. We have seen that Bowman is in fact the strongest of the two lovers, and that he is prone to jealous and homicidal scenes, and his hands readily encircle her throat at the least sign of her

The jury are directed to put aside their revulsion, and to

falsify to comply with his wishes. "You promised me I would have any of your horrible row if I came away with you," she tells him at one stage.

For his part he has been horribly jealous of her husband, despite the fact that the old man, played by Harry Andries, can no longer sleep upstairs as he can't cope with the stairs. His defence in court is that he was crazed on cocaine — though he is not put in the witness box because it would take such a short time to break that story — he thinks that cocaine is brown with black specks. This cocaine addiction is also blamed on Mrs Rattenbury.

The story ends with her walking along a river bank. "If only I thought it would help Bowman I would stay on, but it's been pointed out to me all too vividly I can't help him. All the newspapers said it was I who should be hanged, not him."

In the public mind her crime of adultery, with a boy some 15 years younger than her, was far more significant than the crime of murder. Her counsel tells her that the crowds who wait outside the court are fools who loathe her with the intense hatred of envy and fear. Nevertheless, the public vilification isn't made any easier to bear by that explanation, and she kills herself. Shortly afterwards Bowman's sentence is reduced to life imprisonment.

The newspapers promptly have a field day, showing that sensationalism in the press is nothing new. We are shown the headlines: "Public Outcry at Verdict," "Moral Corruption of Mere Boy," "Less Guilty Boy to Hang" and "Bowman Dominated by Mrs Rattenbury."

It's an interesting but very sad story of public attitudes, and is beautifully and sensitively presented. The sad thing is that the attitudes that the story highlights and condemns are just as strong and just as powerful today.

## Detectives caught off guard

By Brian Hollis

ONE of the best action comedies I've seen for a long time is Stakeout, starring Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez as two Seattle detectives detailed to spend two weeks watching an apartment.

A vicious murderer has escaped from prison and the police think he might head for Washington state to look up his old girlfriend. The stakeout in a dilapidated warehouse across the road from the girl's house is so boring that the two detectives spend their time playing practical jokes on the detectives who run the day shift, and Dreyfuss gets to know the girl by posing as a telephone repair man in order to bug her phone.

However, love blossoms, and soon Dreyfuss is spending most of the time watching the girl from the comfort of her own bed, much to the chagrin of poor Emilio shivering in the warehouse across the road. Eventually, of course, the inevitable happens, and Dreyfuss is caught napping, but from start to end there are

some excellent situations and gags. No wonder this one topped the American box office charts for six weeks!

Since moving to Hollywood about eight years ago, Dudley Moore has been starring in about one film every year, but although most of his films are quite amusing, none of the most recent have been more than passing successes. His latest Like Father Like Son made it to number two in the American box office a couple of months ago and has been riding high ever since.

In the movie, father Dudley Moore is very unlike son Kirk Cameron. Father is a workaholic surgeon who believes his son should follow in his footsteps and spend all his time studying. The son thinks he should be out playing sports and making it with the college girls. An anthropologist uncle turns up with an Indian brew which is meant to switch minds, and whoops by accident father's brain becomes son's and vice versa for a few days. Of course, meanwhile, father has learnt to appreciate son and vice versa.

It's difficult to see how this one made it to number two, as the storyline is totally unoriginal, and Dudley only really shines in a few scenes where he is allowed to get down to some real slapstick. In terms of morals, the film could well have been made thirty years ago, which at least means that viewers in Kuwait can see a film with virtually no cuts. However, it is an enjoyable film, and should provide a couple of hours relaxation to a wide range of viewers.

Despite its title, Siam Dance has little to do with dancing or slumming. CC Drod (Tom Hulce of Aquarius) is a success. If chaotic, E.A. cartoonish with marital problems. His nightmare begins when he is suspected of involvement in the murder of a beautiful blonde with whom he once had a steamy affair. Drod has to turn sleuth to try to track down the real killer, using what he can remember of police photos as clues. For a short while there seems to be a chance that the film will turn into the yuppie nightmare of *Blind Date* or *Something Wild*, or maybe we will be treated to a dazzling murder mystery. Unfortunately, the film simply peters out into a character study which becomes boring if not irritating. There's a lot of style and swinging eighties, but very little



Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez in Stakeout



Virginia Madsen and Tom Hulce in Siam Dance

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**National Museum**  
Modern art paintings by Kuwaiti artist Ahmed Al Munayes are displayed at the National Museum; open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 6 pm. The exhibition continues for two weeks.

**Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery**

An exhibition of sculptures and paintings by Arab artist Rida Saleh is now on at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery in Mansouriya; open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm, until Jan 30.

## THEATRE

**KLT — Comedy**

The next production at KLT is a comedy *Say Who You Are*, directed by Steve Prescott. Gala performance at 7 pm on Feb 1. Repeat performances are at 7.30 pm on Feb 2, 3, and 4. Tickets — KD3. For reservations call 3947651. Tickets must be collected from the Box Office, KLT, Ahmadi, or from Family Bookshop, Salimiya, two days before the performance date.

## SOCIAL

**Children's Books Exhibition**

A children's book exhibition is being held at the British Council in Mansouriya. The exhibition features award-winning books by prominent British illustrators and authors exhibited at the Frankfurt International Book Fair. The exhibition is sponsored by the British Council and is being held in cooperation with the Kuwait Bookshop. It will be open from 9 am to 12 noon and 3 to 8 pm, until Jan 28.



Tonight is barbecue night around the swimming pool at the Kuwait Meridian, featuring a selection of mezzeh, salads, barbecued meat and seafood. Entertainment is provided by Ghassan Nejjar.

## Sangam Music Show

Sangam, a local group, will hold a music show at Messilah Beach Hotel at 6.30 pm on Feb 3. A selection of popular Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English songs will be presented. Entertainment also includes fire dance, lava dance and a magic show. For details phone 3260455, 7 am to 3 pm.

## Japon Week

A seminar on Japanese business will be held on Feb 3 at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Building from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm. For further details, Tel. 2518155/2518440 or the Japanese Society — 2533000 ext. 1156.

## Kapilku Membership

Filipinos are invited to join Kapilku. Membership cards are available at the Philippine Embassy. For details call Jojo — 4877793.

## Indian Arts Circle

A variety show will be held at the new IAC premises on Jan 28, Thursday, 7.30 pm, to celebrate the Republic Day of India. Students of the Indian, New Indian and Carmel Schools will take part in the show. Dance, music and songs will also be presented by Sudarshan Kala Mandir, Bharati Kalai Mandra, Punjabi cultural Society and Upasana. All Indians are welcome.

## Kuwait Welsh Society

New Year's Lunch on Friday, Jan 29, 12.30 pm. For further details phone 4874548 or 3940743/4 ext. 231 after 4.30 pm.

## HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn Al Dana Restaurant offers fresh fish/seafood specialities in tonight's Sea Drama on Ice promotion.

**At the Meridian**  
The giant croissant sandwich with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, beef and other special ingredients will be available daily in Al Finjan and Al Waha restaurants, until Thursday. Versailles open daily for lunch and dinner featuring a selection of meats and seafood, charcoal grilled to perfection. Affordable business lunch also offered.

## Al Maudan Beach

British impressionist and comedian J. Harvey, who appeared in TV's *Cop's Copy*, will perform at the hotel's Nightclub on Feb 10. For details contact the hotel.

## At the Hilton

All-day dining at La Palma, featuring oriental, continental and international cuisine, open for lunch and dinner. The Faijaka Restaurant offers a specialty menu plus chef's recommendations ranging from appetizers to desserts, and the usual grazing menu.

## SPORTS

## Mini Rugby

Training and selection for the forthcoming Bahrain Tour will re-commence on Friday, Jan 29, at 10 am at the Finjas ground. Registration of players and families travelling to Bahrain will be finalised. For further details contact Hugh Mc Aree — Off: 4731087 or Geoff Bennett — Res: 5720831.

## Kapilku Sports Festival

Entry forms for this year's Palarong Pilipino — sports festival 1988 are now available. Organised by Kapilku. During the yearlong event several events will be held. They are: Basketball, Volleyball, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis, Bowling, Dama-Checkers, Chess and Darts. All events are open to men and women. For entry forms contact Gil Herico at the Philippine Embassy. For further details contact Bong Melencio — 4877793.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.30 World News via Satellite
- 3.30 Bahath An Mofli: cartoons
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 World News via Satellite
- 4.25 Mohammad Zanki: historical serial, starring Ali Hassan, Laila Taber.
- 5.15 Bain Al Ame Wa Al Youm: Between Yesterday and Today. A look at progress made in various fields.
- 6.00 Songs
- 6.45 Nafiu Asdiqau: We Are Friends.
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 With Students: hosted by Essa Rushoud
- 7.45 Trading: local programme, presented by Saad Al Zufairi.
- 8.15 Good Evening and Local news
- 9.00 News in Arabic

- 9.50 Photographia: daily serial, starring Abdullah Ghait, Madina Hamdi, Jamil Rateb, Mohammad Rida.
- 10.50 1987 Jerash Festival: a variety show featuring top performers from the Arab World.
- 12.25 The Equaliser: featuring Edward Woodward.
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 1.45 Holy Quran/Closedown

- 7.30 Growing Pains: family comedy.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Buck James: Dennis Weaver plays the title role. In tonight's episode, a doctor is diagnosed as a carrier of the AIDS virus.
- 9.30 The World of Strange Power: "Ghosts, Apparitions and Haunted Houses."
- 10.00 Perfect Strangers: "The Unnatural". Larry learns baseball rules. Comedy.
- 10.30 Falcon Crest: "The Great Karlootti". Angela plans to expose Melissa, Maggie and Richard search for their child and Lance tries to help his father.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## English

## MORNING

- 08.00-08.30 Easy Listening
- 08.30-08.40 News
- 08.40-10.00 Easy Listening
- 10.00-13.30 Songs and Music
- 13.00-13.30 Easy Listening
- 13.30-13.40 News
- 13.40-14.00 Easy Listening
- 14.00-16.00 Classical Music
- 16.00-17.00 Easy Listening
- 17.00-18.00 French Hour
- 18.00-19.00 Pop
- 19.00-20.30 Be Our Guest
- 20.00-21.30 Pop
- 21.30-21.45 News
- 21.45-22.00 Pop
- 22.00-23.00 Famous Classical Works
- 23.00-24.00 Easy Listening
- 24.00-01.00 Instrumental Listening

## FM Services

- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Report on Religion
- 45 Country Style
- 0200 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 The A-Z of Hollywood (ex 27th Chain Reaction)
- 30 Citizens
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Discovery
- 0400 Newsday
- 30 Being Human
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 8500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
- 30 Report on Religion
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 Meridian
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
- 30 Development '88
- 0800 Newsdesk
- 09 Reflections
- 15 Classical Record Review
- 30 6th and 13th My Music 20th and 27th Just A Minute

## BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsred
- 30 Omnibus



A Pakistani squash player, Maqsood Ahmed (left) took to the floor at a local hotel during a reception held for delegates by the Kuwait Squash Federation. Maqsood is in Kuwait to take part in the Asian Squash Championship.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

## Kuwait

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- Souk Al Kuwait, Duaij Market
- Hawalli and Nugraha
- Al Kiwi Pharmacy
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- Salhiya and Rumailiya
- Al Maudan Pharmacy
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- Fahd and Ahmed Abu Halifa Pharmacy
- Coastal Road
- Farwaniya
- Al Taawon Pharmacy
- Jara Commercial Centre, No. 3, Main St.
- Jatra
- Al Khalid Pharmacy
- Opp. Cooperative Society

## CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus
- Al Nimir Wal Una (Arabic)
- Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim
- Al Salhiya
- The Living Daylights
- Starring: Timothy Dalton
- Al Hafiz
- Binaat Haratna (Arabic)
- Starring: Ilham Shahin, Bosi, Dalal Abdul Aziz
- Drive-In
- Al Nimir Wal Una (Arabic)
- Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim
- Al Firdous
- Hifazat (Hindi)
- Starring: Anil Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit
- Grandza
- Al Marmourah (Arabic)
- Sababikhat
- Sreedarante
- Tirumurivu (Malayalam)
- Al Jaleeb
- Protector
- Ahmad Drive-In
- Jara Al Wohoush (Arabic)

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**ARAB TIMES****Thought for today**

**TOLERATION** is the best religion — Victor Hugo, French writer (1802-1885).

**Mine threat in Gulf yet to be over**

By Richard Pyle

MANAMA, Bahrain, (AP): As several foreign navies consider reducing their mine-sweeping forces in the Gulf, critics warn that a cutback could leave the waterway vulnerable to Iranian mines again.

Some officials have said they fear that Tehran has refrained from laying mines recently in the hope that it will pressure the Europeans and perhaps even the Americans to scale down their costly naval commitments.

In recent days, Britain, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands were reported to be preparing to withdraw some of the mine hunters dispatched to the Gulf after the US-flag supertanker Bridgeton hit a mine last July 24 while sailing in a US Navy convoy.

The reported cutback, amounting to about 18 per cent of the 40-odd foreign warships in the Gulf, would leave the United States with the largest mine countermeasures force in the waterway.

**Optimism**

Even that would be reduced if the Pentagon goes through with expected plans to pull out the 11,000-ton helicopter carrier Okinawa with its four RH-53D Sea Stallion mine-sweeper helicopters.

Since the international effort began, about 60 mines have been found in and near the Gulf. The Americans found half — 15 in the so-called Fars channel where the Bridgeton was hit, nine aboard the captured Iranian mine layer Iran Ajr, and six more in the waters where that vessel was seized Sept. 21.

Britain said it found 10 mines and the French nine, but some of those were in coastal waters outside the Gulf. No other Western navies found any. The Soviets reportedly have found at least one.

As if to underscore official optimism that the mine threat has subsided, all six of the US ocean mine sweepers were anchored at Bahrain on one recent day. But some officers warn against complacency.

"It would be foolish to suggest the mine threat is over," said a US mine warfare officer.

The Okinawa's departure is expected to result from a review of the American forces makeup by new Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci, based on his visit to the Gulf in early January.

Carlucci must decide whether pulling out the carrier and its helicopters would subject the Navy convoys of refueled tankers to a renewed mine threat.

The Sea Stallions have served

**Saga of academics held hostage**

BEIRUT, (Reuter): Four foreign academics, three Americans and an Indian, completed their first bleak year as hostages yesterday with no prospect of release in sight.

"Don't worry. This is only a show," said Professor Robert Polhill a year ago as gunmen posing as policemen dragged him and three colleagues away. Their wives looked on in horror.

The four from Beirut University College (BUC) fell victim to an elaborate kidnap plot. A year later they are still held, with no sign of their early release.

The abduction of Alann Steen, Robert Polhill, Jesse Turner and Indian Mithileshwar Singh was the most daring act of its kind in four years of kidnapping in lawless West Beirut and prompted President Reagan to order Americans out of Lebanon.

Their wives have remained in Beirut, sharing the ordeal.

Four clean-shaven men dressed as policemen and carrying US-made M-16 rifles had arrived at the BUC campus at noon to discuss better security arrangements for the academics.

After nightfall they returned and met the four men and their wives. Minutes later they forced

as mine hunters ahead of US convoys, finding none — a result that does not justify the cost, some critics say.

"The helicopters are only a band-aid, with no sustained capability, and no good against modern mines," says retired Rear Adm. Eugene Carroll, deputy director of the Centre for Defence Information, a Washington-based group that regularly assails Pentagon policies.

Helicopter advocates concede their limitations but say the failure to find mines may simply mean their presence discouraged seeding.

The Sea Stallions' departure would leave the United States with six wooden-hulled ocean mine sweepers. The Navy was derided for towing the creaky, Korean war-vintage craft on a 21/2 month journey to the Gulf, but they vindicated themselves by finding more mines than any using more modern vessels.

Overall, that performance and the Iran Ajr capture has enabled the navy to salvage some of the reputation besmirched by the Bridgeton fiasco.

US mine warfare officers, who are mapping the Gulf floor with sonar, take a cautious view of their success, saying the problem is "under control."

A note of caution also came from Capt. Bob Money, commander of the British frigate Scylla, who said recently that although "known minefields" have been cleared, "we can't send them (the mine hunters) home as it would take six weeks to bring them back if the threat reappeared."

The Times of London reported, meanwhile, that Britain, the Netherlands and Belgium were planning to cut their mine-hunter forces by half and combine the rest — two British craft and one each from the other two — under an "integrated" command.

**Agreed**

Diplomatic sources said the three countries' defence ministers agreed to the plan in a London meeting, but there has been no official confirmation.

The Times said the cutback was acceptable because the southern Gulf was "clear of mines," and called the integrated command a "logical" spinoff of the present arrangement, under which the Belgian and Dutch have operated under joint command, protected by the Royal Navy.

Italian Defence Minister Valerio Zanone told Parliament on Jan 13 that Italy would withdraw one of its three mine hunters and the support ship Anteo, probably by early February.

The Sea Stallions have served

the academics at gunpoint, into a waiting van as the wives burst into tears, according to an account by a BUC security guard.

The four are among 24 foreigners missing in Lebanon, most believed kidnapped by Muslim radicals seeking changes to Western policies in the Middle East.

The abduction of the BUC four was claimed by the underground Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine (JLP).

Although mystery shrouds the identity of the group, senior Muslim security source said the kidnappers were members of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, using a convenient cover for political reason.

Hezbollah has repeatedly denied the charge.

The kidnappers demanded the release of 400 Arab prisoners held in Israel in exchange for the men's freedom but the Jewish state has rejected the idea.

The fate of the four became part of the hostage saga in Lebanon and not only for the exchange of prisoners. The exchange deal is only a justification that the captors use to suit their political aims," the security source said.

**Violence will serve no purpose**

THE Standard, independent, of Nairobi on South Africa:

"On the surface, the violence which has claimed at least 44 lives is a clash between the Zulu-dominated Inkatha movement and the well-regarded United Democratic Front (UDF)."

"Who is arming and financing the marauding Inkatha gangs

**It can pose the biggest political headache for Thatcher****Britain's cradle-to-grave health service sick**

By Al Webb

LONDON, (UPI): Nurses are striking for the first time in Britain's history. A four-year-old boy waits months for hole-in-the-heart surgery. The number of hospital beds drops while the waiting list to use them soars.

After 40 years, Britain's "cradle-to-grave" National Health Service, once the jewel in the crown of UK socialism, is in a major crisis. It could pose the biggest political headache yet for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Money to fuel the NHS is running out — and renegotiating on the guarantee of lifelong free medical care that most Britons take for granted is a sure-fire way to raise the hackles of voters who put governments in power, and protect them.

The NHS, which began life as a Labour party dream on July 5, 1948, with a budget of £1.75 billion (£3.19 billion at today's rate), today is a nightmare of cost overruns despite the whopping £29 billion (£52.8 billion) it takes to operate.

**Transfusion**

The Conservative government has just given the NHS a £102 million (£186 million) transfusion to keep it alive until the next budget, in March. There are serious doubts it is anywhere near enough.

Dr Tony Smith, deputy editor of the British Medical Journal, dismisses it as "nothing like large enough" to stave off budget deficits. Neil Kinnock, leader of

the opposition Labour Party, says more than 10 times that much is needed to enable the NHS just to cope.

The human dimensions to the crisis are perhaps more telling.

• Matthew Collier, 4, has waited since last September for a life-saving operation to repair a hole in his heart. The reason: a shortage of intensive care staff, including nurses, at Birmingham's children's hospital.

• British nurses, for the first time, have staged walkouts to protest what they say are planned cuts in the extra pay they earned for working "unsocial" hours. It started in Manchester. Nurses in London are threatening to follow.

• Other nurses, fed up with long hours and low pay, are migrating to richer grounds. One advertisement drew 500 applicants for nursing jobs in Australia. Others are off to the United States, where the pay is double for less work.

• According to Labour party figures undisputed by the Conservatives, 587,000 would-be surgery patients are waiting, some for more than a year, for about 128,000 available hospital beds, a drop of about 19,000 in the number of beds in the last eight years.

• From John Branczik, general manager of London's West Middlesex Hospital, running short of beds and staff: "The only way you can get in here is if you are nearly dying, and you are aboard a blue-flashing (emergency) ambulance."

• From an unprecedent news-

paper advertisement taken out by 296 of the 310 general practitioners in Oxfordshire, west of London: cuts in funds for chest, surgical and geriatrics wards in the country's hospitals "very probably hasten death in some patients."

**Finstest**

Yet Britain's health service is still considered one of the finest in the world, and statistics contradict the horror stories. Eight weeks ago, it was reported that the NHS had 1,000 people compared with six in the United States: 85 nurses for every 10,000 Britons to 50 in America.

Oddly enough, it seems the NHS's success threatens to be its own undoing. It is keeping more Britons alive longer, resulting in an ageing society that needs more money than ever to tend its needs.

None of the NHS's founders ever dreamed of the miraculous strides forward — and the attendant costs — in medical science in the next four decades. Hip replacements were undreamed of in 1948. In Britain today, there are 40,000 such operations per year, at an average of \$3,200 (£5,824) each.

The result is that not even Thatcher's 30 per cent increase in spending on the NHS in her eight years in office — well above inflation figures — has stemmed the erosion that today finds 100 of the country's 192 health districts on a financial scalpel.

To balance their budgets, many have cut nursing staff and wards. At Maidstone Hospital southeast of London, for example, a splendidly equipped 28-

bed ward is serving as a nurses' coat closet. There is not enough money to allow patients to use it.

**Vary**

Shortages, and resultant services, vary from hospital to hospital with no discernible pattern.

An American resident on NHS was diagnosed for double hernia in late September 1987, was promptly admitted for surgery five weeks later to London's Charing Cross Hospital — where, he noted, there were staff and beds aplenty — and was home within five days.

By contrast, there is Birmingham's Children's Hospital, where baby David Barber survived five postponements of his hole-in-the-heart operation and young Matthew Collier waited more than four months for similar surgery — both because of staff shortages.

Barber died 10 days after his operation, and although cardiac surgeon Babul Sethia said the delays were not to blame, he described the case as an example of the "evil" in an under-funded system.

Sethia provided more somber figures — 11 newborn and infant cardiac patients refused admission, 54 of the hospital's 199 beds empty, 82 children on the surgical waiting list, all because of a lack of nursing staff.

Nurses, in turn, are rebelling, risking criticism they are violating what one critic described as Florence Nightingale's "Victorian values of unquestioning service."

Helen Powell, one of 37 at

Manchester General Hospital who in January went on the nation's first-ever nurses' strike, had no regrets and perhaps a portent for the future.

Now that we've done it once, next time, unfortunately, it's going to be a lot more expensive."

**Complaints**

Powell and her fellow nurses are complaining about low wages. The government's immediate answer is a promise to raise the NHS budget by \$1.28 billion out of taxes next year, \$910 million of which is earmarked for additional pay.

Health Minister Tony Newton claims this, combined with "cost improvements and income generation," should boost NHS funds by well over \$1.55 billion above the present budget — "a large sum" he says.

Others are less certain about some of the "income-generation" proposals, such as a charge of up to \$18.20 for an eye test and about \$5.50 for a dental check-up — services that previously were free.

Many Britons see this as the first step toward ending free medical care, the thin edge of a wedge that could open a Pandora's box of American-style private medical insurance plans and, worse, the awesome, American-sized hospital bills of which they have heard so much.

Other suggestions for funding the NHS run the gamut from full privatisation to a national lottery or yet more taxes on alcohol and tobacco on grounds that abusers of those two substances should pay dearly for resultant health problems.

The Economist magazine suggests that, to improve health service efficiency, the government should encourage competition by allowing private management to run a few hospitals, letting efficient hospitals sell treatment to those with long waiting lists ... (and) opening up general practice to competitive tender.

Member of Parliament Sir Rhodes Boyson, a former Conservative minister and one of Thatcher's staunchest supporters, goes even further and proposes every Briton be required to take out private medical insurance.

To ease some of the sting,

"We shall carry out liberalism proud and intact into the new party," he said.

It is 66 years since the Liberals relinquished to Labour their position as one of Britain's two major political parties and Steel spelled out clearly that change must precede any chance of winning power.

Merger would give them "the chance to put liberalism into practice," he said. "Let Labour remain the official opposition. Our people want us to become the electable opposition."

**Goodbye**

The 385 people who voted against merger included a number of prominent Liberals, some of them such as president-elect Michael Meadowcroft vowing afterwards that they would not join the new party. He had one word to the 209 delegates who voted for merger: "Goodbye."

To the dissenters, Steel offered an olive branch: "This party has never sought to crush colleagues who happen to think differently from ourselves. The new party of Social and Liberal Democrats must sustain that tradition."

Maclellan, who was rebuffed by Owen when he made a last-ditch appeal for him to think again, called the vote a magnificent result.

Owen said: "I am glad that the vote at Blackpool has ended the uncertainty. We are now ready at the parting of the ways. Let us part with mutual respect."



Margaret Thatcher  
Boyer suggests the government set up a scheme under which to help pay the cost of such insurance, each individual would receive a voucher worth \$546, the average per capita cost of the NHS.

**Oppose**

Thatcher, well aware of British sensitivities over their health service, is unlikely to take such a draconian step.

What is more likely, says health analyst Hugh Elwell, is a government attempt to raise additional revenue and at the same time discourage abuses of the NHS system by imposing charges of at least \$10 to see a doctor and about \$45 per night for hospital accommodation.

Britons have left the government in doubt that they want something done — but they, too, are not certain what.

In a recent Daily Telegraph poll, 22 per cent saw the health service as the country's most pressing problem. But 88 percent opposed charging for dental checks and 89 per cent were against paying for eye tests. Paying for visits to doctors or for hospital beds are likely to prove no more popular.

Whatever it does, the government must first recognise the NHS has been underfunded for 40 years," says Dr Marvyn Goldsmith, chief executive of American Medical International, which despite the name is Britain's largest private hospital group.

"The National Health Service is vital," he says. "To let it run down to the point where it cannot deliver the care needed would be a national disaster."

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

- 1695 — Mustafa II succeeds as Sultan of Turkey on death of Ahmad II.
- 1822 — Greek independence is proclaimed formally.
- 1865 — Treaty between Spain and Peru virtually recognises Peru's independence.
- 1914 — Haiti's President Oreste Abdallah dies during revolt, and US Marines land to preserve order.
- 1943 — US bombers stage first all-US air raid on Germany in World War II — a daylight attack on Wilhelmshaven; German begins civil conscription of women.
- 1944 — Soviet city of Leningrad is liberated completely from Germans in World War II.
- 1947 — Regional advisory commission for the Pacific is established.</

## SPECTRUM

By Kathy Cuddihy

I received the news of a friend's impending book release with sincere happiness and enthusiasm on her behalf. Then she pushed her luck slightly by pounding at my door early one morning, frantically waving a letter in her hand.

"What's all the excitement, for goodness' sake? Has someone volunteered to pay your bank overdraft?"

"Better, much better," she announced breathlessly. "Read this. You won't believe it."

You're right. I probably won't believe it. As a writer, I know better than to believe anything I read."

As I skimmed the contents of the letter, certain sentences jumped out at me, little catch phrases such as, "Congratulations. You have a real winner on your hands." "We would like to discuss a second printing of 20,000 copies."

Sheesh! This woman's first attempt at a book had produced a hot little number that my hasty calculations estimated would net her over \$100,000 in royalties! And all this was the result of a 5-day holiday, no less. There is no justice.

I still felt elation for her success ... or impending success, but I also felt that perhaps I was getting left behind at the starting line.

A paragraph in the newspaper heightened my sinking emotions: "So-and-so, a former free-lance contributor to this newspaper, has just signed her first book contract. Rumour has it she has negotiated \$30,000 for her yet-to-be finished gothic romance."

In a display of cameraderie, a chum at the

## Out of print



newspaper phoned to give me an update on the deal. "We've found that it's actually \$40,000 she'll get. That's not too bad, is it?"

"Not to shabby at all," I muttered with diminishing zeal. "And just how many books does she have to churn out for all that, money?"

"Just one! She's only written 3 chapters and some big publishing house grabbed her. Isn't it fantastic?"

"Fantastic?" I retorted, letting my jealousy surge to the surface. "It sounds immoral to me. I have 2 unfinished manuscripts in my desk and both of them have a lot more than 3 chapters. Why hasn't anyone offered me \$40,000 to finish them? With incentive like that I could

say goodbye to the starvation wages of newspaper work!"

"Gee, Kath," came an awed reply. "I didn't know you were writing a book — 2 books, no less. What are they about?"

"Well, they are non-fiction and the subjects are rather sensitive. After all the trouble 'Spycatcher' caused I don't want to take any chances until they're in print. I hope you understand."

I figured that line might get him off my back for a while. I wouldn't have been caught dead revealing the true working titles: "How to House-Train Geckoes" and "Are You At the End of Your Rope" a how-to book about collecting string. Better to let them

reach the best seller's list so I could enjoy the last laugh than to suffer an avalanche of snide comments along the road to success.

I hung up the phone and glared at my moth-eaten manuscripts. Something inside me kept nagging that there had to be a faster, easier and more profitable way to earn a living as a writer. What I needed was little "think tank". "By golly, that's it." I shouted at no one.

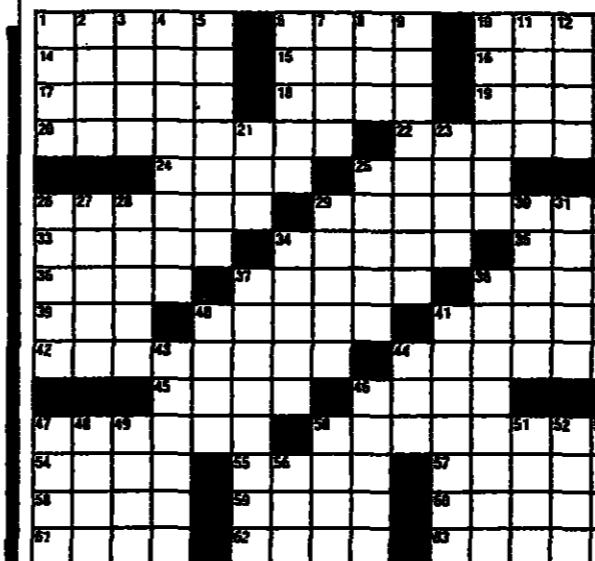
I would recruit a few women with fertile imaginations, ply them with something cool and refreshing (no, I don't mean ice cubes), and encourage them to fantasize into my tape recorder. We would have the outline of a Great Romance Novel in no time.

Of course, I would have to invite just the right people. There should be a couple of romantic dreamers, someone with a devious mind to provide the twist in the plot, and at least one person with a sharp sense of humour. Since my conscience tells me that I shouldn't belittle the labours of serious romance writers, I would make my effort a parody — certainly a more entertaining venture for me if for no one else.

I can already hear a few of you readers thinking, "You know, that's really not a bad idea." Well let me tell you, it's a great idea. So great that I've taken the trouble to copyright it, patent it, or whatever else needs to be done to preserve it as mine, mine, mine.

And if, in spite of my precautions, one of you people follow my plan, get a big offer from a publisher, and have a success on your hands ... I'd at least like a slice of the profits ... and a copy of the book.

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Former pop star now in the big league

## Cher achieves stardom by doing it her way



Cher is Kathleen Riley, a public defender who represents a man accused of murder.

By Ivor Davis

IT has taken a long time but Cher is finally respectable.

At 41, an age when many Hollywood actresses have one foot in the plastic-surgeon's office and the other in the unemployment line, she has made three movies back-to-back and has ascended to that rarified list of performers offered first crack at any script.

With Jessica Lange, Jane Fonda, Sally Field, Meryl Streep and Barbara Streisand, Cher is now in the big league.

If there was any doubt — and there was — that Cher is a top-notch actress, she has dispelled it as Kathleen Riley in the romantic thriller *Suspect*. She plays an overworked, burned-out attorney forced to defend a transient accused of murdering a Washington secretary.

Since there have been other successful roles — the ditzy waitress in the 1982 Broadway production *Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean*; Meryl Streep's lesbian roommate in *Silkwood* (for which she received an Oscar nomination in 1983); Rusty, a drug-addict mother, in *Mask* (1985); and the eccentric sculptress opposite Jack Nicholson in *The Witches of Eastwick* (1987).

However, those characters were so far out on the edge of society that they seemed almost

another species. Riley, on the other hand, is part of the fabric of society, a public defender in Washington, D.C., a woman who went to a reputable university, a superior law school, a woman who wears suits. Cher plays her so convincingly that you never doubt her for a moment.

### Mainstream

Cher says that entering the mainstream did not come naturally. "I was intimidated by the role in *Suspect*" when I first read it," she says. "I liked the script, but I know nothing about law. So I chose to play the aspect of Kathleen's character that I knew, that I could relate to. Then the legal terms and language fell into place. I used them as if I'd been using them all my life."

"I went to a murder trial in Washington to do research," she says. "A man killed four of his roommates and I met the two women handling the case. They knew they didn't have a chance but they busted their asses. I'd never seen people work that hard. The job took up their lives. They were an inspiration to me."

Cher insisted on removing the film's only love scene opposite Dennis Quaid, who plays a Washington lobbyist called to jury duty.

"I felt it was inappropriate," she says. "It didn't seem right that you spent all this time

establishing Riley as an independent woman, then she falls for the first man that comes along."

Cher knows about working hard to make it. She did a lot of that when, at 30, she decided, after a career as a singer on CBS-TV's "The Sonny and Cher Show" opposite then-husband Sonny Bono, to become a serious actress.

"I wish it hadn't taken so long," she says. "I got my first job at 35. I didn't work for two years after *Mask*. I'm pretty picky."

It should have been easier. Cher had just come off a hit show that had been seen around the world, but as an actress she could not get an agent.

"No one would give me an audition or a screen test," she says. "They told me people would never accept a person with one name as an actress. They told me people wouldn't stop believing for a moment that I was the character Cher."

### Adult

Cher would be the first to admit that she didn't make it easy for people in the industry. She presented an Oscar at the 1984 Academy Award ceremony clad in a scanty costume made of black feathers, and was photographed at rock clubs with a different date in tow every week. Real actresses look like Meryl Streep and exude dignity, don't they?

"They tell me I'm trying to look like Madonna," she says, laughing. "I was wearing my old leather jacket when she was still in leather diapers!"

"Sure, I could have changed and looked serious a long time ago and maybe gotten someone to take notice. But I wanted to do it the way I wanted. There



If there was any doubt that Cher was a top notch actress, she has dispelled it with her portrayal as Kathleen Riley in the romantic thriller *Suspect*.

When Robert Redford is playing love scenes with Daryl Hannah, we're in trouble," she says. "How young do you have to be and who do people like me play opposite? It doesn't matter how old a man is and how young the woman is, but try it the other way around."

Cher does. Rob Camilletti, a 23-year-old former New York bartender is her latest boyfriend. She says she goes out with younger men because they ask her, older men find her intimidating.

"They think I'm too wild for them, or at least my image is too wild," she says. "They never ask me out and I would never ask them. The more I like them the less likely I'd be to speak to them, so that leaves younger men. They're more supportive as lovers and less demanding. They don't try to control you."

### Adult

Cher's timing could have been better, 41 is not the ideal age for an actress and she knows it.

album "Cher."

"I didn't want to do it. I never liked singing," she says. "which is not to say I don't like to sing because I have a great time singing."

But Cher doesn't intend to be pigeon-holed again as just a singer or an actress.

"That kind of thinking screwed up my life for a long time," she says.

Cher's latest movie, "Moonstruck," which opens just before Christmas, features her as a lonely widow in an Italian family in Brooklyn whose hope and liveliness are restored by a passionate entanglement with a bachelor (Nicholas Cage).

"I love that movie," she says. "If nobody went to see it I wouldn't care. I'm satisfied with it. Mind you, you shouldn't be satisfied with a film. Satisfied is what you should be when you clean out your closets, it's not what you should be when you do a piece of art."

And that, folks, is vintage Cher.

## Basinger hits it off with Nadine

By Ivor Davis

**WHEN** I was a kid at school," says Kim Basinger, "my teachers asked me to stand up and tell them what I wanted to be when I grew up.

"I said I was going to be the biggest star — the best actress in the world," she says, flashing a smile. "And everyone laughed."

Today no one is laughing. At 33, the former fashion model who in a few short years has starred opposite some of Hollywood's top actors — Burt Reynolds, Robert Redford, Charlton Heston, Sean Connery, Mickey Rourke, Sam Shepard, Bruce Willis, Richard Gere — has finally hit it big. She plays a sexy, savvy Texan in the title role of Oscar-winning writer-director Robert Benton's delightful comedy *caper* *Nadine*.

"Kim Basinger emerges from this film like a brainy Marilyn Monroe," said one reviewer. Noted another: "The kind of movie that Hollywood used to live by.... Kim Basinger plays Nadine with a blend of fire and humour — it's the performance of a star."

It is a performance long overdue and one that may earn Basinger an Oscar nomination. The film is set in dusty, dreary Austin, Texas, in 1954. Nadine Hightower dreams of better days as she toils in the Alamo Beauty Parlour, barely scraping out a \$20-a-week living as a manicurist. Estranged husband Vernon Hightower (Jeff Bridges) dreams of new ways to keep his bar from going bankrupt. The fun begins when Nadine witnesses a murder and enlists Vernon to help her recover some "art" pictures the deceased had taken of her that she wants back.

The picture works because of the funny, taut script, the near-perfect performances, especially from Basinger, and the direction of Benton, who also made *Kramer vs Kramer* (1979) and *Places in the Heart*.

(1984).

"When I began writing the story," says Benton, "I posted a picture of Jeff Bridges above my typewriter. I didn't have a picture of Nadine. I knew she had to be very beautiful. But from the moment we met for the audition I swear there was no one else who could do this. There's a huge part of Nadine that is real Kim Basinger. The only other time that happened was when I was casting 'Kramer' and Meryl Streep walked in the door. Dustin Hoffman and I looked at each other and said, 'This is Joanna Kramer!'"

Even Basinger felt the chemistry was right.

"When I first met Benton I didn't know if this man was for real — so kind and forthright."

Since the Georgia-bred Basinger switched from the

highly paid field of Manhattan modelling to the big screen she has struggled to find the right part, although there has been no shortage of roles.

After five years as a cover girl she drove cross-country to Los Angeles and quickly landed the lead in the TV movie *Centerfold* (1978) and in the miniseries *From Here to Eternity* (1979).

Her first film was *Hard Country* (1981) opposite Jan-Michael Vincent, which was followed by *Mother Lode* (1982) with Charlton Heston. Her dazzling beauty was spectacularly displayed as Sean Connery's lady in *Never Say Never Again* (1983); as the wealthy Houston nymphomaniac in *The Man Who Loved Women* (1983) with Burt Reynolds; as the temptress opposite Robert Redford in *The Natural* (1984); as Mickey Rourke's obsessive sexual partner in the controversial *9½ Weeks* (1986); and as Bruce Willis' boozy dinner partner in the comedy *Blind Date* (1987).

Basinger says she was disappointed with the reaction to *9½ Weeks* in the United States, although the movie became a hit around the world. She still receives letters from women who admired the story's nonsense approach to female sexuality.

### Problems

The movie ran into censor problems in the United States because of her sizzling love scenes with Rourke. Before the movie could be released it had to be re-edited and some footage deleted. The reviews were scathing and the picture did poorly in the United States, although it has had a healthy life on the video circuit.

"It left me a wreck, emotionally and physically," says Basinger. "During shooting, we had our days of ego problems and ups and downs. But no one ever saw the real movie. There are four or five pirated versions. I have eight hours — I hear there are 12 hours."

Shooting *Nadine* couldn't have been more different, she says.

Richard Vuu as Pu Yi, toddler out to greet his massed army of servants in the Forbidden City.

Kim Basinger stars in the title role in *Nadine*, comedy from Robert Benton.

**FAMILY DOCTOR**

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## CONTACT SPORTS CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS INJURY

gling.

4. Obvious swelling, with the rare exception when it is only fingers that are affected.

5. Impaired range of motion, pain within the normal range of motion, or decreased strength through the normal range of motion.

6. Bleeding, other than minor cuts and scrapes.

The sports doctor also should disqualify a player if he or she suffers an injury that cannot be immediately diagnosed, or if there is obvious loss of a function, such as sight, the ability to move an arm, etc. If an athlete requires help getting off the field, he or she should certainly not be allowed back on.

And, naturally, no matter what the coach says, or how valuable the player is to the team, if an athlete complains of an injury or inability to participate, the player should be disqualified. While you may think the doctors are being overly cautious, and maybe some are, there are rare instances every so often in which football players die of injuries suffered during the game. I know it can be very disappointing for both the player and the fans when an athlete is thrown off the

field for what appears to be a minor injury, but I say it's better to play it safe.

**ACROSS MY DESK:** Despite the influence of religion and mortality, laws and social pressure, the most effective force on the sexual experiences of the unmarried may well be the fear of disease. In the Abbott Report, sponsored by Abbott Laboratories, 80 per cent of the singles interviewed declared a fear of becoming infected by a sexually transmitted disease. That meant an end to the free-swinging sex life for three-fourths of them, and 15 per cent admitted that they had been celibate for the past year. Despite the increasing use of condoms (36 per cent said they use them), the general attitudes in the environment of the unknown risks of a new partner, and the real fear of the tragic outcome for AIDS sufferers, reflect those of yesteryear, when society's actions more closely paralleled its moral teachings. I can't help but wonder where the attitudes of tomorrow may be, when medical science can successfully combat these diseases and when an AIDS cure is discovered.

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QUESTION: I'm a big fan of high school football. (My son's the quarterback.) I think the doctors throw kids out of the game too quickly. What you think? Are there any medical association rules involved in these decisions?

ANSWER: While there is no set of rules,

## First Western film made in China since the revolution

By Richard Lormand

**NEW YORK.** (Reuters) — Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci, who created a sensation with *Last Tango in Paris* in 1972, has returned to the spotlight with *The Last Emperor*.

Bertolucci's first film in six years, this epic treatment of modern China has been cited by virtually every US critic as one of the year's best.

"There are two great loves in this movie — one for cinema and one for China," the 47-year-old director said.

"*The Last Emperor*" chronicles the life of Pu Yi, who ascended to the throne in Imperial China in 1908 aged three, and died 59 years later, a humble gardener.

Made in English, it is the first Western feature film about China made in the country itself since the Communist revolution in 1949. And it is the first film ever shot in Peking's Forbidden City, the ancient home of Pu Yi and other Chinese rulers.

"*The Last Emperor*" is an epic on the grandest scale, with some 19,000 Chinese extras and 9,000 costumes.

Bringing Pu Yi's autobiography, "From Emperor To Citizen," to the screen took over four years, \$25 million and a crew of Italian, British and Chinese technicians.

As the child emperor of the Manchu dynasty, Pu Yi lived among concubines and eunuchs inside the Forbidden City until he was deposed in 1911, when the Nationalists took over.

The adult Pu Yi lived the decadent life of a playboy and served as a puppet emperor for the Japanese in Manchuria in the late 1930s. He was sent to a Japanese prison in 1945 as the Japanese empire crumbled at the end of World War Two.

After nine years, he was "remoulded" by the communists and worked as a gardener until his death in 1967.

Chinese-American John Lone, who starred in *Year Of The Dragon*, portrays Pu Yi from adolescence to his death. Peter O'Toole plays Pu Yi's Scottish tutor and Chinese actress Joan Chen portrays the

## Bertolucci returns to glory



Richard Vuu as Pu Yi, toddler out to greet his massed army of servants in the Forbidden City.

emperor's wife.

The crowd scenes — shot by Oscar-winning cinematographer Vittorio Storaro — include the coronation of the child-emperor in the Hall of Supreme Harmony, Pu Yi's wedding and the expulsion of the eunuchs from court by the new republic's leaders.

"The movie is an epic," said Bertolucci. "But instead of being about a hero, it is about an anti-hero."

### Opposite

"He is absolutely the opposite of a Western man, who normally goes from being a doorman to being general manager," added Bertolucci, whose *The Spider's Stratagem* and *The Conformist* also dealt with political and social upheaval.

But the director said he was

certain that audiences would have no trouble relating to the "strange itinerary" of China's last emperor.

"When you see him as a baby, you identify with him," he said. "Everyone is an emperor at home as a child."

These were followed by the unsuccessful *Tragedy of a Ridiculous Man* in 1981.

The lukewarm reception to those three films forced Bertolucci to look toward the east.

"I was so frustrated," he said. "I wanted to go faraway."

Bertolucci believed he was allowed to film *The Last Emperor* in China because of permission to film it.

the social and political liberalisation under Deng Xiaoping.

Bertolucci thinks there is not the capacity for change in his native Italy — which last February finally lifted its 11-year ban on *Last Tango*, a frank portrayal of a relationship between a middle-aged man and a young woman.

That rigidity, he said, has hurt Italian cinema.

"Italian cinema is a kind of agony. It lasted for so

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Aides give the proposals little chance of winning approval

## Reagan will ask Congress to reform budget process

WASHINGTON, Jan 26, (Reuters): President Reagan says he will once again ask Congress to reform the nation's lengthy annual budget process, but even his own aides give the proposals little chance of winning approval.

The Democratic Party-controlled Congress has turned down the reforms repeatedly in the past and 1988 is an election year—the Republican Reagan's last as President after serving the legal maximum of two four-year terms.

### Outlined

Two of the proposals Reagan outlined in the annual State of the Union Speech last night would shift the balance of power on spending decisions to the White House from Congress.

A third would force massive spending cuts that would pose major political problems for law-

makers seeking re-election. In addition to the presidency being up for grabs in November, one-third of the 100 Senate seats and all of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives will be contested.

The budget process has become increasingly bitter in recent years as Reagan has blamed Congress for excessive spending and congressional leaders have faulted the White House for preparing politically unworkable budget plans.

The non-stop sniping has slowed the process to a crawl.

Last year, for example, the budget for the fiscal year that began on October 1 was not in place until late December. As the wrangling went on, the dollar, already hit by a stubbornly high US trade deficit, came under further pressure on foreign exchange markets.

He also proposed changing

This year, administration officials have predicted the budget process will be less contentious because the White House and congressional leaders have already agreed on the basic outlines of the coming year's federal budget.

A White House-Congress budget summit aimed at calming financial markets after the October 19 Wall Street crash, called for a \$56 billion budget deficit cut over two years. But election year passions could still derail that accord and restore the usual chaos to the 1988 budgetary bargaining.

In his message to Congress, Reagan asked legislators to alter the US constitution to require a balanced federal budget and to give him the power to block individual items in lengthy spending bills.

The change would be important because the budget resolu-

tion establishes an overall ceiling for government spending bills and also allocates the spending total among the various congressional committees that make the myriad individual spending decisions.

**Action**

While a concurrent resolution simply expresses the sense of Congress and requires no further action after passage by both chambers, a joint resolution requires the President's signature before it becomes effective.

The reform, which has previously been proposed but never brought to a vote in Congress, would thus give the President a veto over what has until now been exclusively up to Congress.

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tion establishes an overall ceiling for government spending bills and also allocates the spending total among the various congressional committees that make the myriad individual spending decisions.

Presidential authority to block individual items in spending bills, called a 'line-item veto', would also be a significant change, shifting the final say over most budget matters to the White House from Capitol Hill.

At present the President has a choice only between approving the entire contents of a lengthy spending bill approved by Congress, or vetoing the entire measure.

Although proposed repeatedly by Reagan, the line-item veto has also never come to a vote in Congress during his presidency.

A constitutional amendment

to balance the budget has made it to the voting stage, but neither chamber has approved such an amendment during the Reagan years.

While the goal of a balanced federal budget is publicly praised by many in Congress, few lawmakers would jump for the chance actually to balance the budget any time soon.

**Considerably**

Though the Federal Budget deficit has fallen considerably from its \$21 billion peak in fiscal 1986, it remains in the region of \$15 billion, and lawmakers envisioning spending cuts of that magnitude would rightly fear for their re-election this year.

Even President Reagan, whose promise of a balanced budget was central to his 1980 presidential campaign, has never actually submitted a balanced budget plan to Congress.

## World Business Summary

### Shipping losses down

LONDON, Jan 26, (Reuters): Fewer ships were lost last year than in 1986 but the gain was overshadowed by the Gulf war and ferry disasters off Belgium and the Philippines when hundreds of people died, an underwriters' association said today. The report by the Institute of London Underwriters (ILU) said losses in 1987 dropped to 139 merchant ships totalling 1,178,900 gross tons against 156 ships totalling 1,207,422 tons the previous year. This, however, was in a year which saw the world's worst peacetime shipping disaster—the sinking of the Manila-bound ferry Dona Zeebrugge, Belgium last March.

There were only 26 survivors from 1,600 people known to be aboard after the ship caught fire. The ILU said the vessel could have been carrying twice that number. It also cited nearly 200 deaths when the British Ferry Herald of Free Enterprise sank off Zeebrugge, Belgium last March.

The ILU said there were 170 attacks on ships in the Gulf, up 50 per cent on 1986. But naval escorts had limited the extent of the damage caused. Aviation meanwhile had its second-worst year on record in terms of cash losses, the ILU said. In 1987, 20 Western-built jet airliners valued at \$258 million were lost in accidents. A death toll at 392 compared with as many as 1,534 deaths in 1985, when there were record aviation cash losses of \$400 million. The ILU represents British and overseas insurance companies accounting for about half of London's shipping business.

**Egypt willing to cut oil output**

CAIRO, Jan 26, (Reuters): Egypt is willing to cut its crude oil production from the current level to help Opec stabilise the volatile world market, Petroleum Minister Abdel-Hadi Kandeel said today. In a statement released by his office, Kandeel said if all members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) held to their present production ceiling, prices would rise to an average of \$18 a barrel. Egypt is completely ready to further squeeze its output, when it deems this necessary . . . apart from what is needed for domestic consumption, which is rising now because of a two-month-old cold wave," the minister said. Opec agreed in December on total output of 15.06 million barrels per day (bpd) for all members except Iraq. Kandeel said that to shore up prices, Egypt would not bring more supplies into the world market than it already does. Non-Opec Egypt cut production by 30,000 bpd early last year to help the 13-member oil group and now exports about one-third of its output of 870,000 bpd.

**Oman to boost gas exploration**

MUSCAT, Oman, Jan 26, (AP): Oman, a non-Opec oil producer faced with a 194 million-rial (\$500 million) budget deficit for fiscal 1988, is to step up efforts to develop its state-owned gas industry to save fuel oil, government sources said today.

Six million rials (\$15 million) will be spent developing three gas production plants this year, said the sources who spoke on condition of anonymity. A 275,000-rial (\$710,000) government study to be carried out over the next five months will review technical and organisational options. The gas network powers defence installations in addition to oil production and light industry, the sources noted. The government announced earlier this month that gas reserves have risen to 9.6 trillion cubic feet, an increase of three trillion cubic feet over figures announced a year ago.

Gas consumption totalled 50 billion cubic feet last year. Oman, which produces 565,000 barrels of oil a day, launched a gas exploration programme in 1984 when oil prices were falling.

## US durable goods orders jump 6.7pc

WASHINGTON, Jan 26, (Reuters): Orders received by manufacturers of durable goods surged by 6.7 per cent in December, the Commerce Department said today.

The large increase, which far surpassed expectations of a 0.2 per cent gain, largely reflected orders for aircraft, government officials said.

For 1987 as a whole, durable goods orders rose 7.8 per cent after increasing by 0.5 per cent in 1986.

The 6.7 per cent increase to a seasonally adjusted \$118.69 billion was the fourth consecutive monthly increase and the largest since a 6.9 per cent rise in September 1986.

It followed a modest 0.1 per cent increase in November.

The 7.8 per cent increase last year in orders for durable goods, which are designed to last three years or more, was the biggest since a 13.0 per cent rise in 1984.

Although aircraft orders, a

volatile category, accounted for more than two-thirds of December's rise, the Commerce Department said new order increases were widespread within major industries.

Excluding another unpredictable category, defence equipment, orders were up 6.0 per cent last month after rising 0.2 per cent in November.

The strength in durable goods orders was further evidence that the overall economy did not slow down much in the weeks after October's stock market crash and that the manufacturing sector in particular ended the year with business booming.

Economists say manufacturers are finally reaping the benefits of a three-year-long decline in the dollar which has made their goods more competitive on world markets.

Growth in exports is thought to have fuelled another quarter of strong economic growth between October and December.

## Bahrain's offshore banks to boost reserves

BAHRAIN, Jan 26, (Reuters): Bahrain's major banks, amongst the biggest in the Gulf, will take decisions this week to boost their reserves against bad debts to cope with the burden posed by \$3 billion worth of Latin American loans.

But bankers said their debt provisions are unlikely to match reserve levels set by European and US competitors.

A controversial home-spun proposal to hive off problem loans into a holding company looks set to be shelved and banks are expected to concentrate instead on boosting reserves as far as possible from relatively weak operating earnings.

### Muddle

"Bahrain's banks are under-provided, but they can do little about it and will have to muddle through," one banker said.

The island's 65 offshore banks cut their teeth on a diet of Latin American lending during heady expansion in the late 1970s, but payments problems coincided

with a Middle East recession, robbing them of the chance to sail away provisions.

The coming week sees a series of board meetings in Bahrain as bank executives and shareholders, often Gulf governments, decide just how to handle provisions in the 1987 balance sheet.

Bankers said a lead by US firms is likely to combine a modest increase in provisions with measures to strengthen the banks' capital base.

A swirl of publicity has surrounded bad debts to Saudi firms, but Bahrain banks are heavily exposed to Latin America and provisions fall below those in major finance centres.

**Innovative**

Mexican officials are due in Bahrain on Sunday to discuss their innovative bonds-for-debt swap scheme as part of a world tour to sell the package to creditor banks.

The island's largest bank,

Arab Banking Corp (ABC), is estimated to have outstanding loans to the region of \$1.2 billion, equal to 20 per cent of its debt portfolio.

Its arch rival Gulf International Bank (GIB) has Latin American exposure of \$864 million or about 70 per cent.

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LONDON		LONDON	
AIGA STOKE		(BIDS, OFFERS)	
LAME SEC'S		NAME CLOSE OPEN	
LAST LASMO 393/0		A.B. ELECT 341/0 340/0	
ALD LYONS 263/0 341/0		APV PLC 127/0 128/0	
ANSTRAD 139/0		BURGESS 233/0 238/0	
ARGYLL GP 195/0		CALDENIA 332/0 330/0	
ASDA NFI 170/0		CAMB INST 52/0 51/0	
A B FOODS 310/0		CANNING W 176/0 177/0	
BAA PP 108/0		CAP. RADIO 189/0 190/0	
BAT IND'S 268/0		CARADON 281/0 280/0	
BARCLAYS 495/0		CARLESS C 109/0 109/0	
BASS 800/0		ADDISON G 91/0 91/0	
BEAZER 190/0		ADEST G 285/0 286/0	
BEECHAMS 463/0		AILSA 143/0 145/0	
BET ORD 242/0		ALEX WRK 165/0 163/0	
BTCC PLC 338/0		METAL BOX 185/0	
BLUE ARMY 98/0		ALLIANCE 773/0 783/0	
BLUE CIRC 432/0		ANSCHAKER 67/0 68/0	
BOE GP 395/0		APPALYARD 345/0 348/0	
BOOTS CO 248/0		CASE GP 54/0 53/0	
BPB IND'S 262/0		COLLINS W 590/0 590/0	
BR COMM 330/0		LAWRENCE 40/0 40/0	
BR AIRWAY 766/0		U-CIFER 18/0 18/0	
BR AEROSP 363/0		KALON 40/0 40/0	
BR GAS PP 135/0		U-CLIFF 105/0 105/0	
B.P. 257/0		KENDY, BR 265/0 265/0	
B.P. NEW 75/0		KEYSON 82/0 82/0	
BR TELCOM 232/4		KLWRT, BNS 342/0 340/0	
BRITOL 468/0		KMKIFIT H 175/0 176/0	
BUWZL 165/0		LAING, J(J) 280/0 283/0	
BURMAH OL 487/0		LAING, J(JA) 280/0 283/0	
BURTON 236/6		LAING PRO 386/0 387/0	
CABLE&WIR 344/0		LAING, N 175/0 175/0	
CADBURY'S 256/0		LAIRD GP 242/0 242/0	
COATS VIV 270/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
COMM UNI 340/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
COS GOLD 795/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
COOKSONS 540/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
COURTAULD 323/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
DALGETTY 306/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
DEE CP 202/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
DIXONS 198/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
ENG CHINA 390/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
ENTER OIL 280/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
FERRANTI 86/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
FISONS 259/4		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
GEN ACCID 843/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
GEN ELEC 158/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
GLAXO 020/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
GRANADA 319/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
GLOBE 137/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
GRAND MET 445/4		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
GUS A 105/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
GUARD RYL 860/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
GKN 313/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
GUINNESS 287/2		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
HANOVER A 540/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
HANSOM 133/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
HAWKER SID 471/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
HAMLEY 100/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	
HILLSDOWN 299/0		LAIRD, J 280/0 283/0	

World Indices			
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR
FST 30 QRD	1418.0	1414.0	1421.0
FYI 500 SHR	0	991.8	982.9
FYI ALL SHR	0	901.57	905.54
FYI GOV SEC	0	89.39	88.69
FYI GOLD MN	0	279.1	279.9
FYI OIL	0	175.05	175.75
FYI MLD DLR	116.46	114.13	113.37
FYI MLD STG	97.44	96.93	95.56
FYI MLD LOC	103.51	101.39	100.38
		99.08	99.08

London Stock Market Indexes			
U.K. SHARES BELOW HIGHS IN QUIET LATE TRADING			
LONDON, JAN 26 - SHARES WERE FIRMER BUT STOOD BELOW THEIR BEST LEVELS OF THE DAY IN SUBLIQE LATE TRADING AFTER WALL STREET SHOWED AN EARLY 10-POINT FALL, DEALERS SAID.			
STOCKS HAD REACHED THEIR HIGHS AROUND MIDSESSION AFTER THE LATEST CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY (CBI) QUARTERLY SURVEY CAME OUT WITH A LESS GLOOMY PICTURE OF THE U.K. INDUSTRY THAN HAD BEEN FEARED BY MANY IN THE MARKET.			
THE CBI SAID INDUSTRIALISTS REMAIN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CONTINUED SUSTAINABLE GROWTH BUT ADDED THERE WERE SOME SIGNS OF OVERHEATING. AT 1530 GMT THE FTSE 100 INDEX STOOD 5.9 POINTS HIGHER AT 1,768.1 AFTER A HIGH OF 1,773.3 AT 1145.			
RUMOURS THAT THE CBI REPORT WOULD BE BETTER THAN EXPECTED HAD LIFTED SHARES FROM A MIXED OPENING AND THE ACTUAL PUBLICATION OF THE SURVEY PROMPTED A SMALL FLURRY OF BUYING, DEALERS SAID.			
ALTHOUGH TURNOVER REMAINED LOW, OPERATORS SAID IT WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN YESTERDAY.			
THE CBI SAID A BALANCE OF 11 PCT OF RESPONDENTS SAID THEY WERE MORE OPTIMISTIC ON THE GENERAL OUTLOOK THAN THEY WERE FOUR MONTHS AGO. THE SURVEY SHOWED A SHARP DROP IN OPTIMISM ABOUT EXPORT ORDERS, HOWEVER, AFTER THE DOLLAR'S SLUMP AT THE END OF 1987. ONLY 15 PCT OF FIRMS SAID THEY EXPECTED EXPORTS TO RISE.			

London Gold			
LONDON, JAN 26 - GOLD BULLION REGAINED SOME OF THE GROUND LOST EARLIER IN THE DAY, BUT STILL ENDED THE DAY AT ITS LOWEST CLOSING LEVEL SINCE NOVEMBER 20.			
GOLD CLOSED THREE DLRS ABOVE THE DAY'S LOWS AT 470.00/470.50 DLRS AN OUNCE, COMPARED WITH OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF 470.80/471.30 AND 470.00/471.50 DLRS.			
DEALERS SAID THE METAL HAD TRADED IN MODERATE TO ACTIVE CONDITIONS JUST AHEAD OF NEW YORK'S OPENING WHEN SELLING PRESSURE WAS AT ITS GREATEST ON THE LONDON MARKET.			
HOWEVER, BUYING INTEREST HAD DEVELOPED AT LOWER LEVELS IN LINE WITH NEW YORK FUTURES, THEY SAID.			

Foreign Exchange			
DLR	STG	DKR	FFR
1.765/95	1.676/70	5.655/70	OPEN
STG 1.770/10	-----	2.962/	

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## International Bond Highlights

**Frankfurt**—The World Bank is issuing a 500 mn mark five-year Eurobond, carrying a coupon of five pct and priced at 100-1/2, lead manager Deutsche Bank Ag said. (RTWG 1505) In Tokyo, a bank spokesman said the bank will redeem two 300 billion yen loans early, in April. (RTZT 0927)

**Tokyo**—The Japanese government is unlikely to use its foreign exchange reserves to buy bonds at next week's US Treasury auction, senior government sources said. (RTUC 1028)

**London**—Sears Plc is issuing a 200 mn stg Eurobond due February 12, 1993, paying 10-1/4 pct and priced at 100-1/2. Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd. said as lead manager. (RTUC 0954)

**London**—Bet Plc said it is seeking a 300 mn dlrs Eurocommercial paper programme and has replaced a 150 mn STG commercial paper programme with one for 250 mn stg. Maximum outstanding in another commercial paper programme will be increased to 200 mn dlrs from 150 mn. (BTVR 1344)

**Amsterdam**—Dutch chemical firm Akzo NV said it is issuing a 200 mn guilder, 6.25 pct, seven-year Eurobond at par, lead managed by Credit Suisse First Boston Nederland NV. (RTXI 1808)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LN	8-1/8 8	8-1/2 3/8	8-7/8 3/4
FET	3/05/15	3.30/35	3.35/40
PAR	7-1/2 5/8	7-1/2 5/8	7-7/8 8
ZUR	1/8 3-7/8	7/8 1-1/8	1-3/8 1-5/8
BRX	5.90	6-5/16 7/16	6-5/16 7/16
RON	10-7/8 12-3/8	10-1/2 11	10-1/2 11
AMS	3-7/8 4-0/0	3-15/16 4-1/16	4-1/16 4-1/8
TOX	3.5625 6250	3.7500 8125	3.8750 9375
ECU	5.93 6.18	5.75 5.87	6.06 6.18

## Interest Rates

**FOLLOWING** are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-5/16	3-13/16
3 months	3-13/16	4-5/16
6 months	4-7/16	4-13/16
1 year	5	5-1/2

## BOMBAY

	PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	33.25	33.50	33 MODI KALI	4	--
ACC	164	166	164.50	GRAYON 120	--	--	MARHDACHT	--	--
AMHADY	--	--	--	GSPC	112	111.50	112 ORKAY	26	25
AMHADYAO	--	--	--	GUJPETRO	24	--	PRAEMATO	27.25	27
ANDHRA CEN	9.75	9.50	9.75	HINDALCO	124	125	123 RATHNAKOD	91	90
ANDHRA VLY	--	145	145	HINDALCO	95.50	94	93 RAYMOND CO	--	--
BAJAJ AUTO	463.75	455	463.75	HYD LAMPS	--	--	RELIANCE	106	105
BAR BAYON	152.50	152.50	155	IND ORG	19.75	19	19.75 SPIC	33.50	33.50
BOH DYING	116	115.50	117	INDRAYON	50	51.50	52.50 STA MILLS	242.50	245
BOM STOCK PRICES	--	--	--	INDROL	197.50	200	196.25 STOMEDICAL	--	--
BSE INDEX	458.43	458.43	458.43	ITC	32.50	32	31 STEELTUBE	--	--
CENTURYSPL	665	665	660	ITC CO	--	--	TATA PWR	187.50	185
COLGATE	203.75	203.75	203.75	JK 120	--	--	TATACHEM	62	63
DEEPAKPERT	33	33	32	JKSINT	62	61.50	61.50 TATAOIL	83	82
DHARCIMENT	--	--	--	L AND T	91	90.50	90 TELCO	375	377.50
FIDCO ORG	160	160	158.75	MAGHARAD	--	--	UDAIPHOSPH	--	--
GARMPOLY	78	78	77.50	MAHINDRA	58.50	58	58 VOLTS	275	267.50
ST	--	--	--	MAHINDRA	--	--	YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.10

## FRANKFURT

	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE								
AEG	175.1	175.7									
ALLIANZ VR	1213.0	1209.0									
BAECKER	173.0	173.2									
BASF	232.5	233.9									
BAYER	245.0	245.0									
BAYER HYP	303.0	306.0									
BAYER VER.	312.0	317.0									
BBC	279.5	278.5									
BFH	275.0	276.0									
BIL	496.0	497.0									
BINTEC-VER	0	120.0									
BONN	200.5	200.8									
CONTI-GUNN	177.0	181.0									
DAIMER BEN	545.5	548.0									
DEUTSC BAK	379.5	381.0									
DLW	286.0	293.0									
DRESSNER B	220.5	223.0									
DT-BABCOCK	140.5	141.5									
FAI INDEX	408.65	409.65									
GOESCHMID	227.0	227.0									
GUTHOFF	0	0									
HARPER	395.0	395.0									
HOGEST AG	244.5	243.9									
HOSCH	90.0	91.0									
HORTEN	154.0	148.0									
HUSSEL MLD	364.0	362.0									
KAL-SALZ	115.0	115.5									
KARSTADT	372.0	374.0									
KLOECK H	85.0	85.3									
KLOECK W	0	71.2									
LINDE	549.5	540.0									
LUFTHANSA	135.0	135.5									
MAR	144.0	143.8									
MANNESMAN	106.0	105.8									
MERCEDES	455.0	456.0									
METALLGES	208.0	200.1									
NORDST	218.0	215.0									
PAUL H	150.0	152.0									
PHILIP KON	620.0	620.0									
PORSCHE	425.0	417.0									
PREUSSAG	107.3	108.0									
PUMA	172.5	173.5									
RHEIN	210.0	208.5									
RHEINP	200.0	200.0									
REINMETAL	218.0	215.0									
SALAMANDER	249.0	252.0									
SCHERING	373.0	368.0									
SEL	302.0	298.5									
SIEMENS	336.1	338.5									
THYSSEN	107.5	106.7									
VARTA	221.0	220.5									
VERA	248.0	249.5									
VEV	163.1	163.1									
VOLESWAGEN	210.7	214.0									

## HONG KONG</

## Pope urges governments to cut military spending

ROME, Jan 26. (Reuter): Pope John Paul called today for an end to excessive military spending and said nuclear disarmament would be meaningless unless the money freed went to helping the world's poorest.

In a speech marking 10 years of work by the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (Ifad), the Pope welcomed last month's US-Soviet nuclear arms treaty and said he hoped it would lead to more radical disarmament.

"But all of this will have no meaning if we do not reach a larger degree of economic cooperation benefitting the most disadvantaged regions of the world," he told Ifad's 142-nation governing council.

### Resources

He urged nations to "dare to renounce excessive military expenditures" so as to devote maximum resources to international cooperation and to collaborate in the work of "giving to peace the name of development".

Praising Ifad's work, he said an effective solution to hunger could not be found by food aid but only by giving the poor the means to help fight starvation themselves.

Development efforts had to place respect for universal human dignity above the pursuit of profit or any hegemonic temptation," he said.

The Pope's remarks reflected wide support for the Rome-based agency including from Western critics of other UN agencies, in its provision of grants and loans for small-scale, self-help projects among the most disadvantaged of the world's rural poor.

In the past 10 years Ifad has lent \$2.4 billion to 89 developing countries for projects it says have benefited 110 million people.

The grants and loans, most on highly concessionary terms, have been matched by a further \$7.5 billion from co-financiers and voluntary contributions from beneficiary countries, Ifad says.

## Gulf invests \$38b in industrial sector

DOHA, Jan 26. (Opecna): The Gulf region witnessed a substantial industrial growth over the past two decades, with the establishment of thousands of projects, ranging from petrochemicals and steel to food industries.

According to a study prepared by the Doha-based Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting (Goic) — grouping five Opec countries Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and non-Opec Bahrain and Oman — about 4,900 projects have been carried out with total investments of more than \$38 billion.

The report said that continuing growth of the industrial sector in the Gulf countries in future would hinge substantially on the ability to define the industries which would be able to achieve the diversification of income.

The study warned that the inability to utilise available production capacities, the shrinking revenues and profits of existing industries and the drop in the industrial growth rate would all lead to curbing diversification of national income.

The report showed that increasing numbers of intermediate industries were facing the problem of inability to utilise available production capacity.

### Projects

Despite the fact that some existing industrial projects in the Gulf countries were utilising their available production capacity, the failure to use all available production capacities have been growing dramatically, the study said.

## Dollar gains and gold drops again

LONDON, Jan 26. (AP): The US dollar strengthened against the major currencies in European trading today. Gold prices fell for the third straight session.

Foreign exchange dealers said the dollar was helped by better-than-expected figures for US durable goods orders, which were up 6.7 per cent last month against an expected rise of less than 1 per cent.

### Impact

But the dealers said the improvement wouldn't have much impact after today as the indicator was not important enough. They said the large US trade deficit would have to show a substantial fall before the dollar could rise considerably above its current low levels.

In London, one British pound cost \$1.7675 late today, cheaper for buyers than Monday's late 1.7735.

Other late rates in Europe compared with late Monday:

- 1.6775 West German marks, unchanged
- 1.3600 Swiss francs, up from 1.3595
- 6.6575 French francs, up from 5.6495
- 1.8845 Dutch guilders, up from 1.8825
- 1.2325 Italian lire, up from 1.230.37
- 1.2070 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2797

President Reagan's State of the Union message failed to lift sluggish world money markets because he came up with no new initiative to correct huge US trade and budget deficits, dealers reported.

"People would have thought at this stage he would have said something more constructive for the dollar," said Mark Brett, economist with stockbrokers Barclays De Zoete Wedd in London.

In stock markets, Tokyo ended higher following a 43-point advance on Wall Street yesterday.

terday and most European shares were also slightly up. But dealers said trading was hesitant and the volume of business was often thin.

### Subdued

British currency dealers said dollar trading was subdued with investors now waiting for news due on Wednesday of the rate at which US Gross National Product expanded in the last three months of 1987 — an important indicator of how America's economy performed after the Black Monday October 19 crash.

"There's been a wild flurry on GNP figure (in 1987)," Brett at Barclays De Zoete said, noting that actual figures on previous occasions had differed widely from market expectations.

The median market forecast for real GNP growth in the fourth quarter is a rise of 3.5 per cent, against third quarter growth of 4.3 per cent.

The computer was developed by Hitachi and the related chips by Fujitsu.

The three companies now are working to complete Gmicro/100 and Gmicro/300 by early next year.

Hitachi said the Gmicro/200 features the most up-to-date computer design and semiconductor technologies presently available, such as distributed memory storing, multi-sequence pipelining and horizontal microprogramming.

The large-scale integration circuits developed for the Gmicro/200 include a direct memory access controller, interrupt request controller and tag random access memory for high-speed data processing.

The companies said they plan to expand a family of Gmicro series and peripheral chips to meet demand for standardised systems.

### Suitable

They said the Japanese Education Ministry has made it known it plans to use the Tron format software for educational purposes.

Operating systems or basic

nucleus concept, was proposed by Tokyo University Prof Ken Sakamura to standardise computer systems to meet growing demands for high performance equipment with enhanced functions and capabilities.

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## Japanese work on compatible computers

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## Saudis offer discounts to US oil customers

NICOSIA, Jan 26. (UPI): Saudi Arabia is offering discounts to its US oil company customers but not the kingdom's European or Japanese clients and some oil companies from Japan are negotiating with Kuwait for "price relief," the Middle East Economic Survey said today.

"In Kuwait negotiations with Japanese buyers still are proceeding without having reached any definite conclusion as yet," the authoritative newsletter said. "Nevertheless, observers feel that agreement could well be reached at an area of compromise," the Survey said.

"In Saudi Arabia there is as yet no indication that market-related price relief has spread beyond US customers — the four

around \$18 a barrel. But the Survey says "the oil market remains in a state of general directional confusion, sandwiched as it is between indications of reduced crude output on the one hand and expectations of further moves towards market-related pricing on the other."

### Refused

In Saudi Arabia, "European and Japanese customers so far firmly have been refused the same treatment" as the US clients, it said.

"The European and Japanese clients have been tending to cancel or reduce their nominations as a result," the Nicosia-based publication said.

But in Kuwait, the Kuwait

bitter inter-communal strife.

"We lost everything.... we had no trade, no industry, no commerce," TRNC leader Rauf Denktaş told Reuters.

"We were buyers from Greek merchants and sellers to Turkish Cypriots. In order to buy from Greek merchants we had to put hard currency which he borrowed from Turkey into the Central Bank of Cyprus which the Greeks had taken over," he said.

Greek Cypriots say they developed much of the original tourist infrastructure before the

partition of the island.

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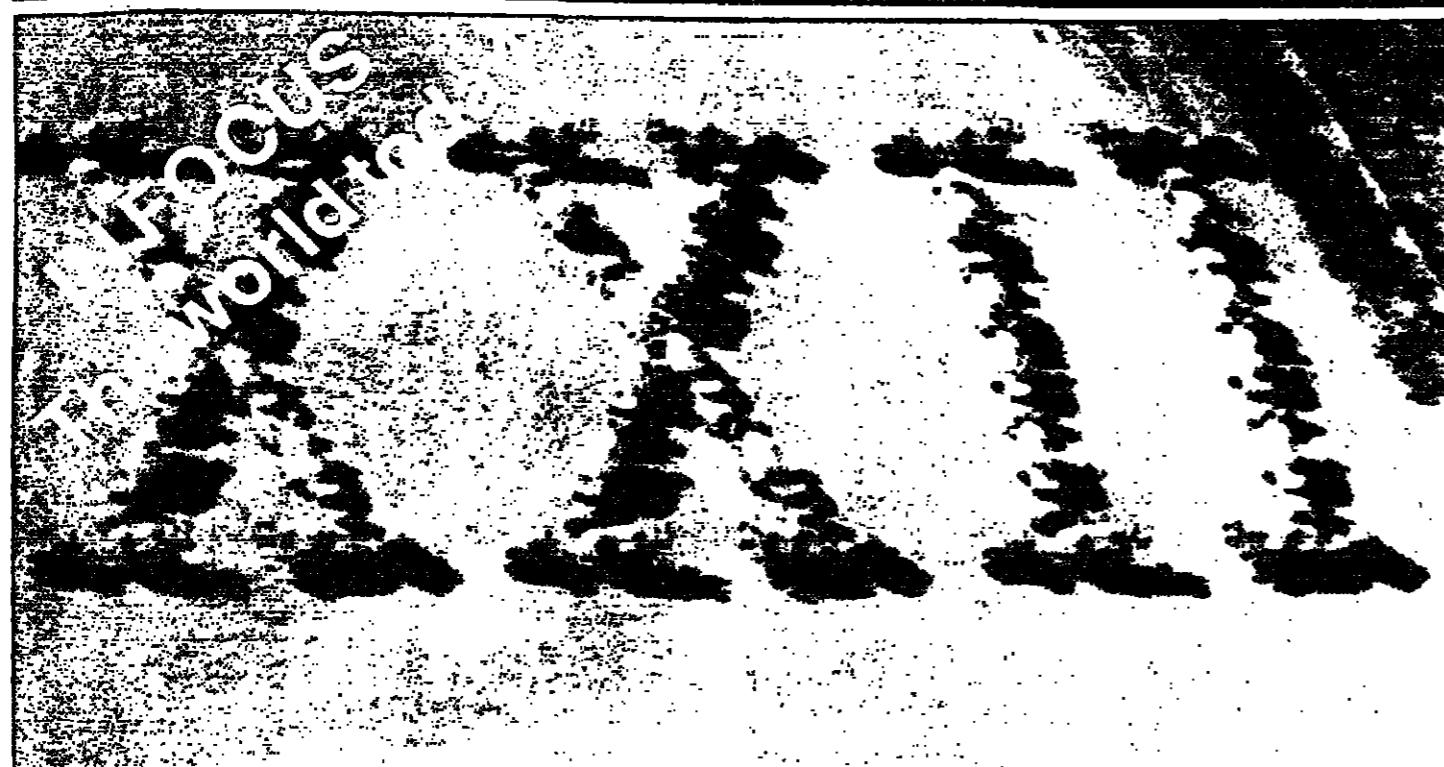
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**ANDRES PASTRAN**, in the lettered sweatshirt, is accompanied by soldiers in Medellin, Colombia, on Monday after he was rescued by soldiers near El Retiro, about 40 kilometres east of Medellin. Pastran, a candidate for mayor of Bogota, is one of the many Colombian officials that have been kidnapped or assassinated by Colombian drug lords who are infuriated by pressure from US and Colombian officials to extradite drug smugglers from Colombia to the United States to stand trial on drug charges. (Reuter wirephoto)



**WEST GERMAN** Chancellor Helmut Kohl (right) chats with Czechoslovakian President Lubomir Strougal prior to their talks in Prague yesterday. Chancellor Kohl started a two-day visit to Czechoslovakia. (Reuter wirephoto)



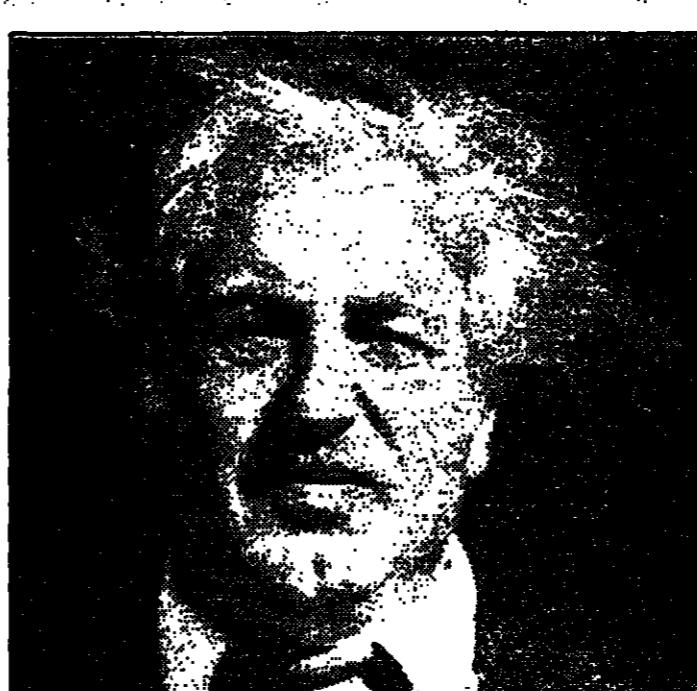
**THE wife of Raja Mohamed stands with her six children and a portrait of her husband in their ransacked house Monday morning in the village of Silwad. The family claims their house was ransacked Sunday night by Israeli soldiers who tore a door from its frame (right), and arrested Raja Mohamed after beating him. Raja had previously spent five years in an Israeli jail for membership in the PLO, according to his wife.** (Reuter wirephoto)



**CHER** poses with Jon Bon Jovi after his group won the award for Favourite Pop-Rock Group at the 15th Annual American Music Awards Show on Monday in Los Angeles. (Reuter wirephoto)



**THE biggest crowd from islandwide Taiwan jammed in front of the Martyrs' Shrine near a Taipei suburb Monday waiting to see the remains of late President Chiang Ching Kuo. It took at least four hours to finish the whole waiting trip, with over 200,000 people paying tribute to the late president.** (Reuter wirephoto)



**FILE photo of Ahmed Jibril, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) promised more military operations against Israel in support of anti-Israel protests in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Jibril made his call in an address to Palestinians through a new radio network clearly heard in Damascus.** (Reuter wirephoto)



**A CHILD explores an ice pavilion in an exhibition of ice sculptures replicating a scene from the famous Chinese novel "The Dream of the Red Mansions" on Sunday. The exhibition is part of the annual Harbin Ice Festival in northeast China.** (Reuter wirephoto)



**AN Israeli soldier uses a sledge hammer Monday morning to open a shop in central Gaza City. Many shopkeepers, like the one at left, rushed to open their shops as the soldiers swept down the main street forcing businesses open.** (Reuter wirephoto)



**SPANISH** Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez (right) greets Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega upon his arrival at the Moncloa Palace in Madrid yesterday. Ortega is in Madrid to seek active European support to Central American peace efforts. (Reuter wirephoto)



**A COLUMN of Soviet built T-72 combat tanks file past the review stand yesterday during the 39th Republic Day parade in New Delhi. The state-of-the-art T-72 tank is now being built in India.** (Reuter wirephoto)



**AN old woman who has brought her eggs in from the village to sell in Warsaw's Rozycki Bazaar stoically sits out the first snowstorm of the year.** (Reuter wirephoto)



**THE US Coast Guard sail trainer Eagle passes the Sydney Opera House yesterday in a parade of tall ships celebrating Australia's Bicentenary.** (Reuter wirephoto)

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## SPORTS

**Early tremor fails to halt Redskins' practice**

SAN DIEGO, Jan 26. (Reuter): In their first full day in San Diego yesterday, the Super Bowl-bound Washington Redskins were initiated in typical California style — being nudged awake by a pre-dawn earthquake.

The tremor was not the Denver Broncos' deploring rather it was a quake that registered 5.0 on the Richter Scale with an epicenter 45 miles east of Ensenada, Mexico. The tremor was felt in San Diego and surrounding areas with no damage or injuries reported.

The Redskins held a short practice session later in the afternoon that was closed to the more than 2,000 media in town to cover Super Bowl XXII.

**Warned**

Washington coach Joe Gibbs later told a news conference that he had imposed a midnight curfew on his NFC team.

"After hours, these guys can do whatever they want to do, I want them to have good time but they better be in at bedcheck," warned Gibbs, who said they would face a fine if they did not meet the deadline.

"It was a good workout everybody practiced — there were no injuries," said Gibbs who said he planned to start wide receiver Art Monk, who missed the playoffs and final two games of the regular season with a sprained knee.

Gibbs said his team has already worked on 60-70 percent of its first, second and third-down plays during practice last week at their Virginia Training Complex.

"People ask me how the game will go, but you never know," said Gibbs.

Gibbs said they may use what is called a 'spy' technique when it came to covering mobile Denver quarterback John Elway.

"I don't think you can look to shut this guy down. I've seen the best of players on him and you just can't catch him," he said.

**During**

The spy defence, Gibbs explained, is "one guy on defence who just watches Elway if he tries to run — in other words, his assignment is to follow Elway.

"But there is a price to pay and that leaves us one less guy rushing the quarterback," Gibbs added.

Broncos and Redskins won't be the only ones scrapping for recognition in the Super Bowl.

So will a few dozen advertisers, who network sources say paid as much as a record \$1.35 million per minute of commercial time during the television broadcast of the National Football League's championship game.

The contest usually attracts one of the year's biggest television audiences, which marketers cite as justification for spending all that money.

"It has the ambiance of a spectacular," said David Martin, a spokesman for Stroh Brewing Co. of Detroit. "It's a showcase," said John J. Fiedler, a marketing executive for Allstate Insurance Companies of Northbrook, Illinois.

Both companies have bought out the ABC network broadcast of this year's game.

The high price of commercial time often drives companies to press their admakers to come up with something memorable to make the spending worthwhile.

Apple Computer Inc., Burger King and the Budweiser Beer Brewery are among this year's main advertisers.

So are Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola from the soft-drink industry.

Coca-Cola has an elaborate new Diet Coke commercial.

Pepsi said it hasn't decided yet which of its new celebrity-filled commercials it plans to air in the 90 seconds of commercial time it purchased. Pepsi plans to have its name on a blimp over the playing field in San Diego.

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## JAZZ BRUSH ASIDE CAVALIERS

**Malone takes Bullets over 76ers**

Bucks' John Lucas (centre) goes for a shot as Warriors' Winston Garland reaches for the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

LANDOVER, Maryland, Jan 26. (AP): Moses Malone scored 26 points and Bernard King added 22 last night as Washington defeated the Philadelphia 76ers 118-117 in overtime. The victory was the seventh straight at home for the Bullets since Wes Unseld took over as coach and their third in a week over Philadelphia.

After Gerald Henderson's 3-pointer gave Philadelphia a 114-113 lead, Malone then grabbed a rebound and dunked the ball with 23 seconds to play in the extra period. Mike Grimski missed two short jumpers, and the second was rebounded by Bernard King, who was fouled. King made two free throws.

Malone added another free throw with 10 seconds left to give Washington a 118-114 lead before Henderson hit his second 3-pointer of the overtime period for the final margin.

Jazz 119, Cavaliers 96 Utah reserve Rickey Green scored the NBA's 5-millionth point at the end of the third period and the Jazz went on to defeat the Cleveland Cavaliers 119-96. Green's Milestone came on a 3-point shot, giving the Jazz an 92-67 lead. His basket was the 5,000,001th point since the NBA began play in the 1946.

Before the fourth period began, there was a ceremony and Green autographed the ball, which will go to the basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Karl Malone paced the winners with 36 points, while John Stockton had 20 points and 13 assists.

Leading 52-51 at halftime, Malone and Stockton scored 10 points apiece as Utah outscored the Cavaliers 90-7 in the opening 9:36 of the third quarter.

Brad Daugherty, Mark Price

**Irish pick new flanker for French game**

DUBLIN, Ireland, Jan 26. (AP): Ireland made only one change today to the team that beat Scotland for its next Five Nations Championship Rugby Union clash, against France in Paris on Feb 20.

Back row forward Don Whittle, of Bangor, wins his first cap at the expense of Garyowen's Willie Sexton, who is named among the replacements.

Whittle comes in at Blindside, with Philip Matthews moving to open side.

A 27-year-old schoolteacher from Newtownards, Whittle is 6 ft 3 ins tall and weighs almost 238 pounds. He has made a rapid rise to international status after

playing for Ulster this season was named as a replacement for the first time against Scotland.

Other changes were expected, but the selectors decided to keep faith with a side that won comfortably against the Scots in Paris on Feb 20.

Right wing Trevor Ringland, taken off against Scotland with damaged neck muscles and ligaments, Phil Matthews, who broke his nose in the match, and lock Willie Anderson (knee injury), are all recovering.

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reckoned to be more mobile. Three of the players in the team are on the injured list, but are expected to be fit to face France.

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Replacements: Jim McCoy (Bangor), John McDonald (Malone), Willie Sexton (Garyowen), Leslie Ahearn (Dolphin), Ralph Keyes (Cork Constitution), Hugo MacNeill (London Irish).

Both men began to slow down and at one moment in the 10th Khaosai stopped and lowered his gloves, apparently clueless as to how to make contact with his prancing opponent.

In the final round the champion, who said before the fight he most feared fellow Thais because they could take punches better than any foreigner, was begging Kongtorane to come to him and fight, but he still could not land a decisive blow.

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**SPORTS**

Budd determined to compete in Auckland race

LONDON, Jan 26. (Reuters): Britain's South African-born runner Zola Budd said today she was determined to try for her third World Cross Country title in Auckland, New Zealand, in March despite the threat of anti-apartheid demonstrators.

Budd, 21, told a news conference she was not worried about demonstrators.

"I'll face that when I come to it," she said. "But I'm used to demonstrators by now and it is a problem for the organisers, not for me."

Budd said she would decide after Auckland whether to run the 3,000 or 10,000 metres at the Seoul Olympics and said she did not know if she would compete in the Auckland Games in 1990.

Budd was banned from the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh because she had not spent enough time in Britain.

"My family live in South Africa and I will continue to visit them," Budd said. "I also have to see the doctor who has been treating me for my injury problems in South Africa."

**Lendl triumphs**

HONG KONG, Jan 26. (Reuters): World number one Ivan Lendl, beaten in the Australian Open semifinals last week, bounced back with a 6-4 6-1 win over American Tim Mayotte in an exhibition tennis match here today.

**MALAYSIANS SUBDUE DETERMINED KUWAITIS****Four squash teams qualify for final round**

PAKISTAN, Singapore, Jordan and Malaysia reached the final round of the team event yesterday at the 4th Asian Squash Championship being held in Kuwait.

Kuwait, Bahrain, Hong Kong and India, who finished second in their groups, were playing against each other late last night to decide the final qualifier for the final round.

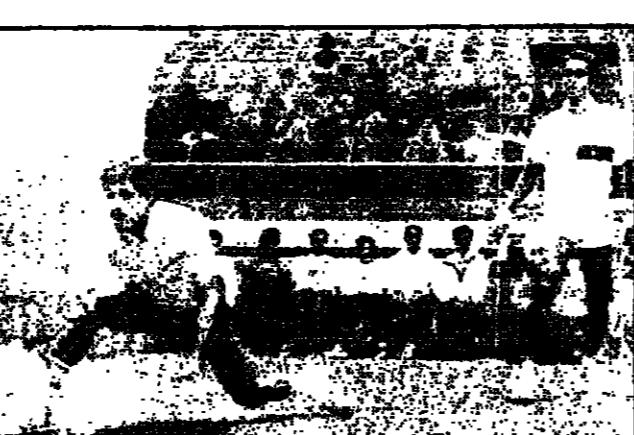
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**Indication**

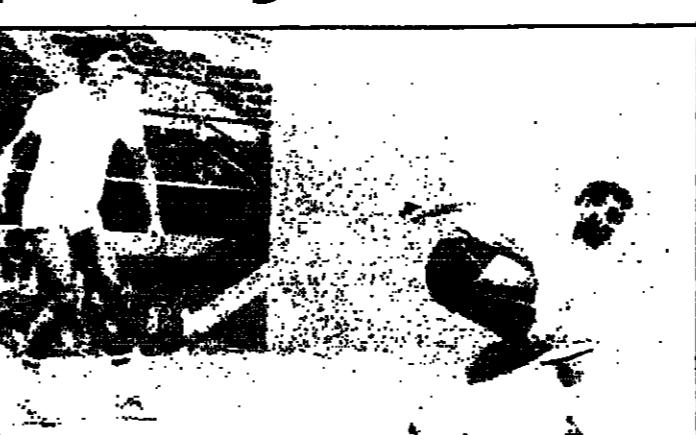
Kuwait lost 3-0 to Malaysia yesterday but the score is no indication of the fight put up by the Kuwaiti players in an effort to take their team into the next round.

In the first match, Kuwait's Adel Al Gharib stretched Chris Chan to five sets. Adel lost the first set 9-2 but came back strongly in the second to surprise his opponent with a 9-7 victory. Adel carried on with the same game in the third set which he won 9-6.

Chan, realising that the game was getting out of hand, fought back to take the next two sets 9-7 9-7. Both the players had the spectators on the edge of their seats as they fought for every point.



Tareq (left) stretches forward to retrieve a shot.



Fakher (right) hits a backhand shot.

In the second game, Tareq Al Uwais lost by three straight sets to Patrick. But the 9-7 10-8 10-8 victory achieved by the Malaysian did not come easily as Tareq stayed with him throughout the match. The match saw some brilliant play by both the players.

**Expected**

The last Kuwait to lose was Fakher Al Sayed, who took Patrick to four sets. Patrick won the game 9-6 10-8 8-10 9-2. The first three sets were evenly fought and was only in the fourth set that Patrick found things relatively easy.

Jordan qualified for the final

round with a 2-1 victory over India. In the first match Eyad Kamal beat Indian Azora 9-7 9-1 9-3. Jordanian Hamed Al Said took the second game 9-7 9-7 from Darwala while the only Indian victor was Nargit Singh, who beat Nedal 8-10 9-2 9-4 9-0.

Pakistan did not play yesterday as they had already qualified for the next round with two victories on Monday.

Singapore, as expected, took its place among the finalists with a 3-0 victory over Hong Kong. Zainul Abedin beat Tony 9-3 9-0 3-9 9-5. Antony crushed Victor 9-2 9-3 9-3 and Heng defeated Chua 9-6 9-4 9-4.

The former secretary of the Kuwait Tennis Federation, Yacoub Al Hussaini, yesterday held a luncheon for the Pakistani delegation at his home. Al Hussaini is an old friend of most of the Pakistani players.

The Pakistani coach of the Kuwait team, Fahim Gul, also held a dinner for the Pakistani team at his house.

It was revealed yesterday that the Pakistani squad, based on Jahanir Khan, Qamar Zaman, Umer Hayat and Maqsood Ahmed, are keeping fit by running at least seven kilometres everyday. They run from the Regency Palace Hotel to the Hawalli governorate and back every morning to keep their bodies in shape for this championship.

The coach of the Pakistani team, Umer Zahid, yesterday predicted that Jahangir would beat the world champion, Jan-

sher Khan, in their next meeting. Jansher beat Jahangir seven times consecutively last year to snatch the World No. 1 ranking away from Jahangir for the first time in nearly six years.

Umer was of the opinion that Jahangir had lost his earlier matches to Jansher because he had not been physically fit. Umer believes that Jahangir has once again regained the form which kept him in a class of his own and would be able to defeat Jansher.

Meanwhile, 20 certificates were given by the Asian Squash Federation to the Referees Committee. The committee will name the officials to whom these certificates will be given for the performance at the championship.

**Praised**

The president of the International Squash Federation, Ronnie Sinclair, is due to leave Kuwait today for London after witnessing some of the matches of the championship. Sinclair praised the organisation of the present championship by the Kuwaiti officials.

The president of the Asian Squash Federation, Dr Edward Jacob, left Kuwait for Singapore yesterday. He witnessed the opening of the championship and most of the matches of the singles event.

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**NHL games**

NEW YORK, Jan 26. (Reuters): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played yesterday (only games scheduled):

Edmonton Oilers 6 Pittsburgh Penguins 4; Calgary Flames 11; Toronto Maple Leafs 3; Buffalo Sabres 5; New Jersey Devils 2.

**Nystrom injury worries Swedish team selectors**

STOCKHOLM, Jan 26. (Reuters): Nystrom played his first tennis for a month yesterday against compatriot Magnus Gustafsson, losing a training match 6-2 6-1.

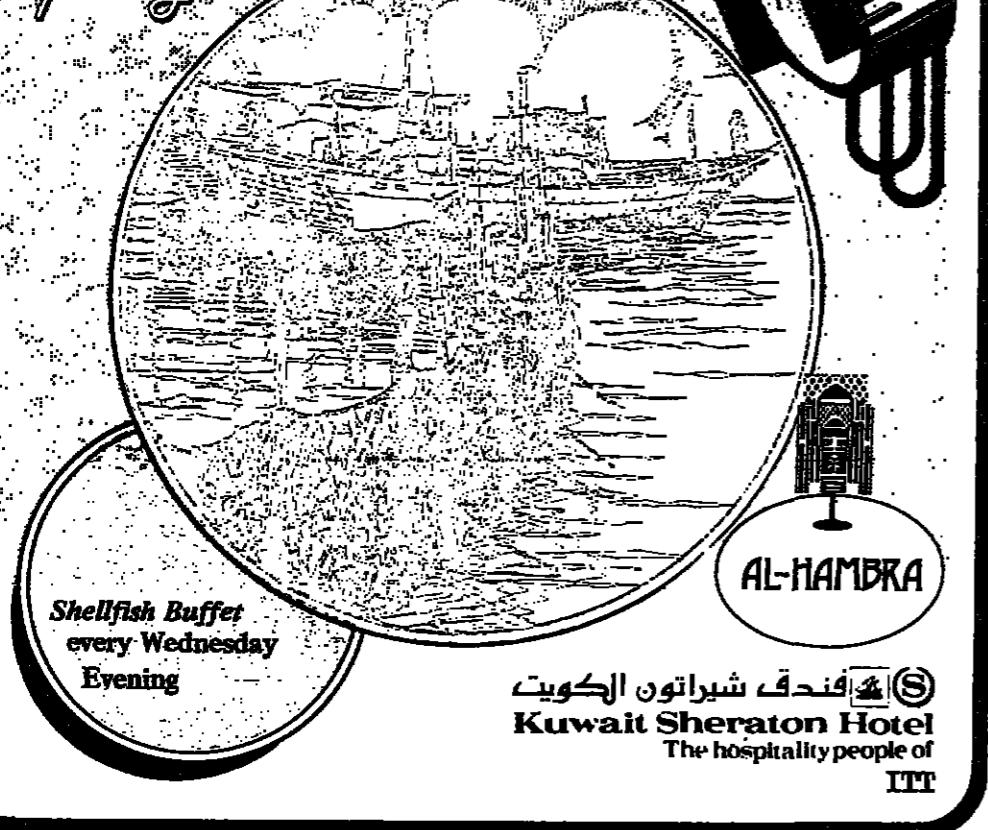
"I knew he would be rusty after a month's break. If he could play a few times he would be all right, but the pain in his chest means he still has to rest," Olsson said.

Despite the selection headaches, Sweden is still hot favourite to take the Davis Cup fixture against New Zealand at Gävle, eastern Sweden.

Even without Wilander and Nystrom, Olsson has the talents of world number two Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd to call upon, Jonas Svensson and Peter Lundgren are likely to take the other two berths.

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**Sheraton****Spotlights****Short wins again to seize 2-0 lead**

SAINT JOHN, New Brunswick, Jan 26. (AP): English grandmaster Nigel Short took a commanding 2-0 lead in his World Chess Championship candidates match with Gyula Sax of Hungary after scoring a 45 move victory yesterday.

Grandmaster Jonathan Speelman notched a second English victory when he defeated Yasir Seirawan, the United States, top player, to seize the lead in their six-game duel.

**Contests**

The winner of the candidates series will challenge world champion Garry Kasparov for his title in 1990.

The victors in the seven matches played here will compete in a final knockout series of contests at a later date to decide the challenger.

Playing with the disadvantage of the black pieces, Short, 22, sacrificed a pawn in the opening to use his queen to deeply pierce Sax's defenses.

Already trailing in the match after his first round loss, Sax appeared restless.

After falling dramatically short of time, Sax blundered and allowed his king to be surrounded.

The position was about equal, but impatience finally got

the better of him," Short said after the game.

Playing white, Seirawan gained a small edge from the opening, but played too aggressively in a complicated middle-game position.

Seirwan, 27, from Seattle, sacrificed a rook for a bishop to gain a dangerous attack against Speelman's king, but the 31-year-old Londoner beat back the assault to reach a winning endgame position.

**Move**

With four games remaining, Speelman leads 1-0-5.

Soviet grandmaster Andrei Sokolov squeezed a victory

**Phelps rallies to defeat Antonopolis**

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan 26. (AP): Third-seeded American Terry Phelps rallied today to score a 3-6, 6-2, 6-0 second-round victory over compatriot Maia Antonopolis in the \$50,000 International Tennis Tournament.

Phelps, 24, was one of six seeds to advance in the 56-draw outdoor hardcourt event, which comprises part of the Virginia Slims series.

She was beaten by compatriot Gretchen Magers last year in the final.

Defending champion Magers advanced to the third round with a 6-2, 6-3 triumph over Sybille Noix-Chateau of France.

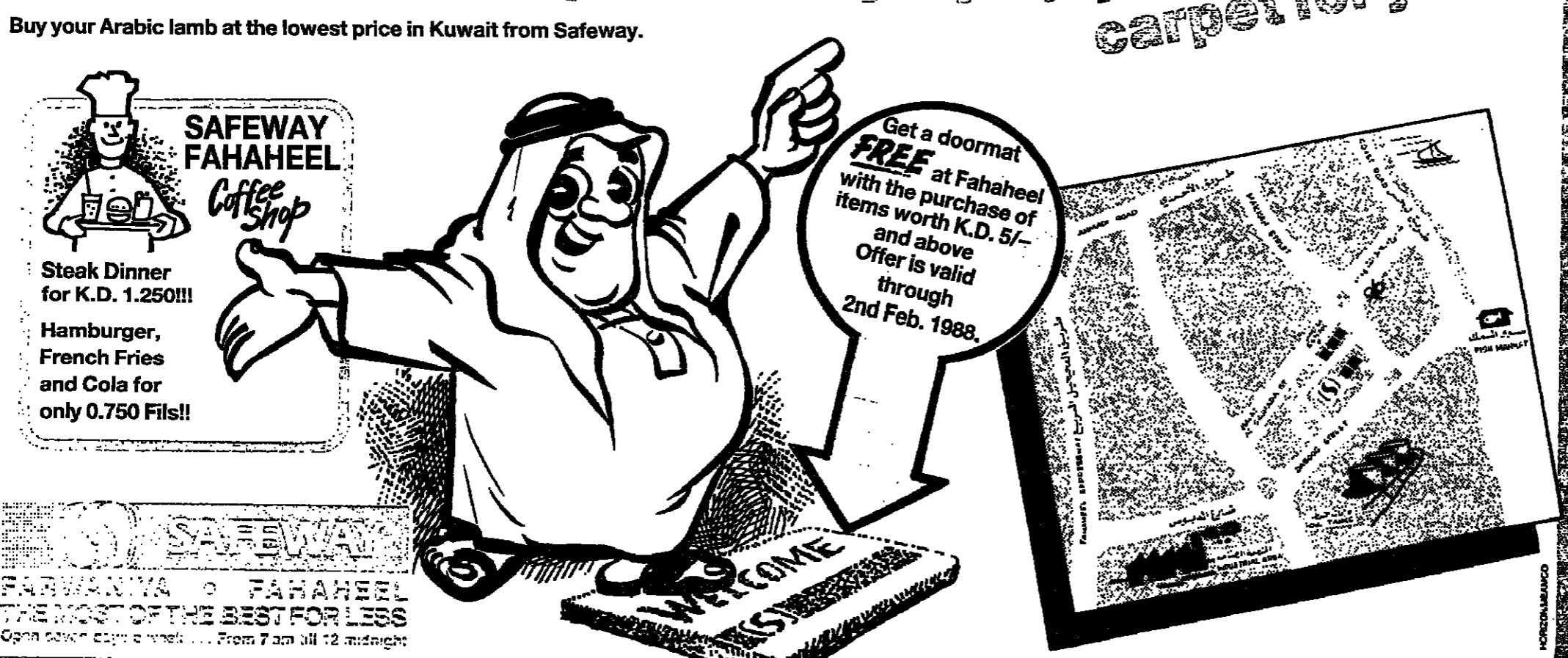
Another French player, Marie-Christine Calleja, caused the only upset of the second-day of the tournament, downing 14th seeded Australian Louise Field 6-3, 7-6 (7-0) in a first-round match.

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